

## Statement of Commitment

### Statement of commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and the protection of children from harm

Church workers are entrusted with the privilege of being servants and leaders in the ministry of the Church. This privilege carries significant responsibility to ensure that children and young people in the Church are provided with a safe environment and protected from harm.

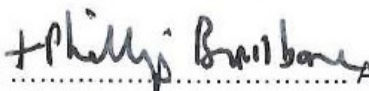
Our calling by God to share in Christian ministry obliges the Church to take great care in the selection of all workers who are to be entrusted with the care of children and young people. The wider community also rightly expects this.

Our ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the children and young people is reflected in the *Policy - Risk Management Strategy for Child and Youth Ministries*.

The Policy is the foundation for a framework designed to ensure that everyone involved in child and youth ministries in the Diocese is aware of the potential risks of harm to our children and young people, and takes action to minimize those risks.

Measures introduced in the new policy will strengthen our capacity to provide a safe environment for our children and young people.

I commend the Policy to you, and ask that you do your utmost to ensure that our Church is, and is seen to be, a safe place for all.

Signed:  ..... Archbishop of Brisbane

Dated this 16 day of December 2016