



Australians Attitudes to Children -

A snapshot.



80% are concerned about the health and happiness of future generations.

59% believe that Australian society is committed to protecting and prioritising the needs of children.

70% agreed that children 'belong' to their parents until they reach the age of 18 years.

Australians were asked to rate 10 issues in order of importance. "Looking after the interests of children" ranked only 9th.

The top ten issues of most importance were;

1. The quality of the health system.
2. A quality education system.
3. Management of the economy.
4. Jobs and protection of local industry.
5. A fair taxation system.
6. Looking after the interests of older Australians.
7. Housing affordability.
8. Security and the war on terrorism.
9. Looking after the interests of children.
10. Addressing climate change.

63% believe that even today, a child's word is less likely to be believed than that of an adult.

The top 5 words used to describe children were:

1. Spoilt
2. Fortunate
3. Lazy
4. Selfish
5. Vulnerable

Only 48% believe that children in Australia all have fair and equal opportunity to flourish, and to maximise on their potential.