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## CEO STATEMENT

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Alan Smith, CEO of AEIOU Foundation, has made the following statement in response to today's announcement of the official release of the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia.

"It gives me great pride to announce our partners at The Autism Cooperative Research Centre have published Australia's first National Guideline for the assessment and diagnosis of autism.

This Guideline, born from an enormous body of work and research, will be indispensable in the race to get children professionally diagnosed with consistency, aiding timely access to supports.

We also anticipate it will reduce the challenges and uncertainty families can experience when seeking a formal diagnosis for their child."

To find out more about the Guideline, please [click here](#).

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### **ABOUT AEIOU Foundation:**

AEIOU Foundation is a leading provider of early intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Our evidence-based therapy and education is family focused and provides every child with the best opportunity to gain vital independence and achieve their full potential. Operating from 10 locations, AEIOU enrolls children aged 2 to 6 years. **For more information about AEIOU Foundation visit [www.aeiou.org.au](http://www.aeiou.org.au).**

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