This policy includes all centre based services (including new, renovating or previously established services) either approved under the Education and Care Services National Law (Tasmania) 2011 or licensed under the Child Care Act 2001.

To assist in ensuring that the environment in centre based services promotes the best outcomes for children, the expectation within Tasmania is that all approved/licensed indoor play space is available and habitable at all times. This means the indoor play area must be suitable to live in.

A verandah partially enclosed with ‘blinds’ for example, would not be considered indoor play space as the area has the potential to remain vulnerable to the elements and is not considered habitable; whereas a fully enclosed verandah that meets the requirements of a dwelling would no longer be considered a veranda.

For new or renovating centre based services, the Early Childhood Centre and School Age Care Facilities Code prohibits the inclusion of a verandah as indoor play space within Tasmania. The Early Childhood Centre and School Age Care Facilities Code states ‘a verandah will not be included when calculating the area of unencumbered indoor play space’.

Therefore, in Tasmania, verandas are not to be included in the calculation of indoor play space.