



Child Protection Practitioners
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presents

Emeritus Professor Dorothy Scott

Australian Centre for Child Protection

University of South Australia

2013 LENEEN FORDE PUBLIC ADDRESS

Tuesday, 10 September 2013

"Child Protection at the Crossroads - Where to from here?"

This event is named in honour of Ms Leneen Forde AO who provided leadership to the seminal Forde Inquiry Report into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions.

The Child Protection Practitioners Association of Queensland (CPPAQ) aims to raise the profile of the child protection system in Queensland and to improve professional collaboration across the disciplines involved in providing services in child protection in Queensland.

Our third public address will be delivered by Australian Academic, Professor Dorothy Scott with an introduction by His Honour Judge Michael Shanahan, President of the Children's Court of Queensland.

Former Foundation Chair and Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection, Professor Scott is a well-known Australian authority in child welfare and protection. She has conducted numerous reviews and inquiries in Australia in the field of child protection and has served on Ministerial advisory bodies in several States and Territories. In 2011 she was appointed by the Prime Minister to the Australian National Council on Drugs and in early 2012 completed her work on the Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry. Professor Scott was also a consultant to the Carmody Commission of Inquiry.

Australia is at the crossroads of child protection policy. The number of children in State care has more than doubled in the past decade, and Indigenous children are over-represented tenfold. Approximately one in three children is notified to statutory child protection services for alleged abuse or neglect or being at risk of harm. Such a situation is unprecedented and unsustainable. It is also potentially damaging to many children and unjust to many families. There is an urgent need for a fundamental change. The Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry offers this State an opportunity for transformational reform. What must be done to achieve this?

Venue: Banco Ceremonial Court, Queen Elizabeth Court Complex,
415 George Street, Brisbane

Registration: 5:30pm

Address: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Reception: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Cost: Free for members who [renew for the 2013 – 2014 year](#) before the event or \$20 for non-members