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N.S.W.. APPOINTS CHILD ADVOCATE

Dr Terry Grunseit has been appointed as NSW's first children's advocate. Dr Grunseit has extensive experience in child protection and was the chairman of the NSW Child Protection Council and head of the Camperdown Children's Hospital. He will have the following duties:

- 1. Identify and bring to the Minister's attention policies, practices and procedures of government departments or community agencies in receipt of Dept. of Community Services funding which may through design or implementation have a negative impact on children or their families.
- 2. Report annually on the status of children in NSW.
- 3. Suggest strategies for raising the status of children and promoting the well-being of children with special needs.
- 4. Provide comment on general topical issues which may impact on the well-being of children and their families.
- 5. Represent the Minister on the following
- NSW Child Protection Council;
- NSW Victim's Advisory Council;

- DCS Child Protection Policy and Procedures Review Committee - Death of a Child.
- 6. To provide confidential advice on specific issues as requested by the Minister.

Dr Grunseit can be contacted

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COMING EVENTS

- Australian Rights Congress, 16-18 February 1995
- ACT Branch DCI Conference Canberra 9-10 March 1995
- World Summit on Television and Children Melbourne 12-17 March 1995
- DCI Israel Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Gaza 27-31 March 1995
- DCI Triennial Conference Montreal June 1995
- "Children in Conflict" World-wide Event Documentary , Concerts 13 &15 September, 1995



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