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## **New ministerial council for child protection**

### **Portfolio: Child Protection**

The Liberal-National Government has established a new Ministerial Advisory Council on Child Protection.

Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said the external advisory body would provide her with expert advice on child protection policies and practices in Western Australia.

The Minister said the council would also identify current and emerging child protection issues that impacted on children and young people in care and their families.

The council would be chaired by former Attorney General Peter Foss QC, with other council members including:

- Colleen Hayward - Telethon Institute of Child Health Research
- Michelle Stubbs - Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse
- Dr Andrew Turnell - Resolutions Consultancy
- Mary Cowley - Department of Indigenous Affairs
- Basil Hanna - Parkerville Children and Youth Care
- Fiona Lander - Department of Child Protection
- Sophie Lee - CREATE Foundation
- Heidi Mippy - Protective Behaviours Consultancy
- Anthony Pietropiccolo - Centrecare
- Sahba Salekian - CREATE Foundation
- Associate Professor Ted Wilkes - Curtin University.

"This group has extensive knowledge and practical experience in the child protection field and I look forward to working with them to develop policies that will best serve children's interests in WA," Mrs McSweeney said.

The council members will be appointed for two years from March 1, 2009, with the possibility of a one-year extension.

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