

# Media release



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## New Children's Commissioner's leadership crucial as Australia works to ensure every child gets the best possible start in life.

Goodstart Early Learning has welcomed Australia's new National Children's Commissioner, Deb Tsorbaris, who begins her five-year term today.

Dr Ros Baxter, the CEO of Australia's largest early learning provider, the not-for-profit Goodstart, which is 15 years old this year, said the new Commissioner had an important role to play.

"Out-going Commissioner Anne Hollonds, who has recently completed her five-year tenure, has made a real difference to the lives of children, especially those experiencing deep vulnerability," Dr Baxter said.

"Ms Hollonds has been a powerful advocate making it clear that the challenges facing our vital sector are real and governments and all early learning and care providers must work to ensure children at put first by every educator in every early learning centre. We especially thank Ms Hollonds for her continued support for a National Working with Children Check.

"We look forward to working with Ms Tsorbaris in her crucial work as she takes on the heavy responsibility of being a true champion for children in Australia, and their rights.

"The nation's third National Children's Commissioner will play a central role as our nation grapples with the best ways to lift quality in early learning to ensure every child has the best possible, safest possible start in life." Dr Baxter said.

Ms Tsorbaris brings extraordinary experience in children's issues with a career which includes more than a decade as the CEO of Victoria's Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare and leadership roles in housing, homelessness, disability and social policy.

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### Notes for editors

Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest early learning provider with 653 centres nationwide. We're a not-for-profit social enterprise committed to improving the lives of Australia's children and their families. For more information, visit [goodstart.org.au](https://goodstart.org.au).

### Acknowledgement of Country

Goodstart acknowledges all Traditional Custodians across Australia and recognises First Nations peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the land, sky and waterways that surround us. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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