

Lin Thorp, MLC
Minister for Children

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Child experts appointed to the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Board

The Minister for Children, Lin Thorp MLC, today announced the appointment of two new community members to the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Board, Emeritus Professor Dorothy Scott and Ms Leigh Taylor.

Ms Thorp said that Professor Scott - a former Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection, former Chief Executive Officer of The Ian Potter Foundation and an influential writer internationally on improving approaches to preventing and responding to child abuse and neglect - would be a valuable addition to the Board.

"Professor Scott will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board in the areas of child protection and philanthropy," she said.

"Professor Scott has conducted several child protection inquiries and has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia and the Centenary Medal in recognition of her service to the community during her career.

"I am delighted Professor Scott has joined the Board and Tasmania is fortunate to have a nationally recognised expert committed to supporting Tasmanian children."

Ms Thorp said Ms Taylor's appointment to the Board will support the Foundation's commitment to improving the learning and development opportunities for staff in new Child and Family Centres being created across the State.

"Ms Taylor has a proven record of working across government and the community," she said.

"As we work together on the development of the Government's Agenda for Children and Young People, Ms Taylor's extensive background in education and working across government will be invaluable."

Ms Thorp commended the Board on raising the community's awareness of the importance of caring for our children in the early years, and recognised that the depth of expertise on the Board has been fundamental to achieving this.

"Looking after our children is Tasmania's biggest job, and these appointments recognise the Government's commitment to accessing the knowledge and advice of people qualified to give our children the start in life they deserve," she said.

Ms Thorp thanked the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation retiring members, Professor Philip Gammage and Professor Ian Hay for their contribution during their period of tenure.

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