



National Children's Bureau of Australia Appoints New Executive Director

The National Children's Bureau of Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr John Edwards as its Executive Director effective from 26th February 1990.

The appointment of Mr Edwards, an experienced human services practitioner, is the first in a series of major initiatives which will significantly strengthen the Bureau's national role in promoting children's issues from a multi-disciplinary approach.

Other changes, which will be formally announced in the coming months, will further enhance the Bureau's established capacity in publishing, research and conference activities. In addition the Bureau will be providing a national information service to agencies and professionals involved with children and will be better placed to provide increased research and policy development services.

These initiatives come as a result of an agreement between the National Children's Bureau of Australia and the Melbourne-based agency Family Action. That agreement will see Family Action provide a significant level of funding support to the Bureau over the next five years to ensure its long-term viability.

Mr Edwards joins the National Children's Bureau of Australia from Community Services Victoria. He brings with him a wealth of experience in the general human services field from both the State Government and non-government sectors with specific expertise in the area of child welfare.

In announcing the appointment of the new Executive Director, Mr Neville Turner, President of the National Children's Bureau of Australia, said: "With its independent and multi-disciplinary approach the Bureau is now set to play a pivotal and authoritative role in improving policies and services for Australian children. The appointment of Mr Edwards is an important step in achieving the Bureau's objectives in what we believe should be the decade of the child."