

ATTACHMENT FO-2

This is the attachment marked "**FO-2**" referred to in the witness statement of Frank Oberklaid dated 12 August 2015.

Short Biography – Professor Frank Oberklaid

Professor Frank Oberklaid is the Foundation Director of the Centre for Community Child Health at the Royal Children's Hospital, a Research Group Leader at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, and a Professor within the University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics.

He is an internationally renowned researcher having authored two books, numerous book chapters and over one hundred and fifty scientific papers on various aspects of paediatrics.

He recently stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health, and is on the editorial boards of several international paediatric journals.

Professor Oberklaid was the founding editor of a series of national publications including Policy Briefs, Community Paediatric Review, Child Care and Children's Health, and the Australian Paediatric Review, as well as being the National Program Director of the Australian Paediatric Review Training Program.

He has received numerous research grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council and other agencies, has been a consultant for WHO and UNICEF, and has been invited to lecture and consult in many countries.

He is a frequent and widely respected media commentator on child and family issues.

Professor Oberklaid has held prominent governance positions during his career; these include Chair of the Raising Children Network Steering Committee, Chair of the Australian Early Developmental Index Steering Group, Vice President of the Australian College of Paediatrics and a member of the Council of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Founding Director and Treasurer of the Victorian Parenting Centre, Vice President of Jewish Care, the Premier's Children's Advisory Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Australian Youth Foundation.

He has served on a number of important national committees, including the Health Advisory Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Family and Children's Council, the Review of the Child Disability Allowance and the Minister's Mental Health Expert Advisory Group.

Professor Oberklaid is currently Chair of the Victorian Children's Council, which provides expert advice to the Premier and the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development on policies and services for children.

He is on the Advisory Board of the Canadian Norlien Foundation, and co-convenor of a four country international collaboration on developing comprehensive community based early childhood initiatives.

Professor Oberklaid has received a number of awards for his work, including the AOM in 1998, the Centenary Medal in 2003, The John Sands medal from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 2003, the Chairman's medal from the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne in 2003, The Medal of Distinction from Children's Hospitals Australasia in 2007, the Howard Williams Medal and Oration from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (Paediatrics and Child Health Division) in 2009, the Tikkun Olam award from Hadassah Australia in 2011, the Premier's Health Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 and in 2014 the Nils Rosen von Rosenstein medal from the Swedish Pediatric Association and the Swedish Society of Medicine for 'outstanding contributions to the progress of pediatrics, promoting the health of children'.

His current interests focus on 'translational research' – translating research so that it informs public policy, service delivery and professional practice. His research and policy interests include early childhood development, prevention and early detection/early intervention, and especially how existing services to young children and families can be refocused and better co-ordinated to improve outcomes. He led the team that implemented the Australian Early Developmental Index (AEDI) nationally, so Australia now has 2 waves of data about the health and wellbeing of 97% of all Australian 5 year olds – the only country in the world that has national data of this kind. The AEDI project has transformed the early childhood landscape in Australia, changing forever the social discourse about early childhood and bringing different sectors together in pursuit of better outcomes for children.