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Appointment of an Equal Opportunity Commissioner

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The State Government has announced the appointment of Dr Niki Vincent as the new Equal Opportunity Commissioner.

Dr Vincent has been appointed as Commissioner for a five-year term commencing on 26 May, 2016.

Ms Anne Burgess will cease her role as the Acting Commissioner on 27 May, 2016.

Background

Dr Vincent has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Leaders Institute of South Australia since 2004.

She has held, and currently holds a variety of community and board positions, including:

- Committee for Economic Development Australia (advisory board member);
- SA Institute for Educational Leadership (advisory board member);
- Time for Kids (board member);
- Community Leadership Australia (board member).

Dr Vincent has also authored 16 publications in peer-reviewed academic journals and 14 presented and published conference papers.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General John Rau

I congratulate Dr Vincent on her appointment and welcome her to this important role.

I am certain Dr Vincent's wealth of skills, experience and knowledge will see her perform exceptionally well as the Commissioner.

I also thank Ms Anne Burgess for acting as the Commissioner since December and her willingness to participate in the appointment process.

Quotes attributable to Dr Niki Vincent

South Australia has a proud history of often leading the nation in human rights and anti-discrimination laws.

Nevertheless, inequality of opportunity and discrimination are ongoing challenges that undermine our social cohesion and people's sense of fulfilment and self-esteem – as well as wasting a lot of talent.

I am very excited to be taking up the role of South Australian Equal Opportunity Commissioner to build on the work of my predecessors in tackling these significant issues that impact so many lives.

I've been working to develop wiser leadership for South Australia for many years and it's evident to me that enlightened leadership in business, government and the community sector are essential to addressing obstacles and constraints to equality of opportunity, fostering informed and unprejudiced attitudes and preventing discrimination.

I want to use my experience to help empower leaders at every level to bring about positive change.