

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**The Hon. Gareth Ward to address Child Protection Week Sydney event**

**Tuesday 3 September, 7.30am – Baker McKenzie, Level 46, Tower 1, 100 Barangaroo Ave**  
Every Child and The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) will be hosting a breakfast event in Sydney to mark National Child Protection Week 2019 (1-7 September).

[Every Child](#) is a national child wellbeing movement developed by a steering committee comprising 20+ organisations that are calling on governments to think big about promoting the wellbeing of children and young people by signing the Every Child pledge.

New South Wales Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, The Hon. Gareth Ward will be speaking at the Sydney event, to be attended by government and non-government leaders.

*“Child protection is everyone’s business,” said Mr Ward. “Families, communities, the Government and non-government sector all have a responsibility to keep children safe and help them thrive.*

*“National Child Protection Week is an opportunity to shine a light on the issue and promote the work that is being done.”*

*“As a Government, we’re acting in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse to help make our state a safer place to raise a child.”*

**Other speakers include:**

- Dr Kirsty Nowlan, Co-Chair, Every Child Campaign
- Dr Sue Packer, Vice President, NAPCAN and Senior Australian of the Year

**DETAILS:**

- **Date:** Tuesday 3 September
- **Time:** 7.30am – 9.30am
- **Venue:** Baker McKenzie – Level 46, Tower One, International Towers Sydney, 100 Barangaroo Avenue, NSW 2000

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