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ISS Australia celebrates 60th Birthday

International Social Service (ISS) Australia is celebrating its 60th Birthday at the Parliament of NSW this Wednesday 17 March.

ISS Australia is celebrating its 60th Birthday in the Jubilee Room at the Parliament of NSW at 12pm this Wednesday 17 March.

Speakers include: Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, the Hon. Gareth Ward; ISS Australia ambassador, actor, and playwright Ra Chapman; and ISS Australia President, Dr Fiona McIntosh.

Media Welcome

ISS Australia is a medium sized not-for-profit and charity that supports children and families separated by international borders through social work, legal and mediation services.

Incorporated in 1961, ISS Australia has a long and proud history of supporting children and families often in the most difficult and complex of circumstances. ISS Australia is part of a global network of more than 130 member organisations providing cross-border social work and legal services.

"ISS Australia is incredibly proud to have been serving the Australian and international communities for sixty years with a particular focus on family reunion and the best interests of children and families across borders", said ISS Australia President, Dr Fiona McIntosh.

"We thank all of our supporters, board members, staff, volunteers, donors and funding agencies who have enabled us to perform our critical services for vulnerable families and children impacted by borders for six decades", Dr McIntosh said.

Today ISS Australia provides services include:

- ✓ International parental child abduction (IPCA) services for families experiencing IPCA.
- ✓ International child welfare and kinship care
- ✓ International post adoption tracing and reunification
- ✓ International family mediation; and
- ✓ Family tracing and reunification.

More information can be found at www.iss.org.au

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