

# The Advertiser

## Briggs clarification

I WRITE to set the record straight in relation Freda Briggs AO. Her title Emeritus Professor is bestowed for life by the University of SA in recognition of her significant contribution as Chair of Child Development in their Early Childhood and Family Studies Institute and she is not retired but continues to publish, lecture and mentor there, nationally and internationally.

Professor Briggs has been a strong advocate for more specific education in social work courses about children, the recognition of child abuse and what to do in immediate response.

While it is already a requirement for course accreditation of all Social Work Degrees across Australia, Professor Briggs and the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) agree that the topic may not be being taught in enough detail.

Together we will continue to work with the South Australian universities and government to ensure all social workers emerge as graduates knowing how to respond when a child is suspected of being abused or neglected.

We are also working to equip graduates who chose to work in a child protection agency with the skills needed for this complex work.

(Dr) MARY HOOD, AASW, and (Emeritus Professor) FREDA BRIGGS AO.