DCI's Patron - Phillip Adams

When Phillip Adams received a whole package of information about DCI and an invitation to become our Patron, his first reaction was "Well, who are these people?" He hadn't heard of DCI at all! Not surprising, since we find it so difficult to attract the interest of even ordinary media mortals!

Fortunately, the various bits and pieces sent to him were sufficiently impressive that he rang and offered to meet our President, Yulia Onsman. Having heard Yulia speak for no more than a few minutes, he broke in: You've convinced me! Where do I sign?"

He was particularly impressed with the work we



are doing, our Advisory Panel, and the fact that we carry on despite the lack of wider recognition! He is eager to be actively involved and willing to help promote DCI as much as he can. Welcome, Phillip! We hope you will enjoy getting to know DCI's members and supporters, and help us to spread our message more widely that all children have rights.

MORE EXPERTS on ADVISORY PANEL

DCI has restored and expanded its access to expert advisors. The DCI Advisory Panel replaces the previous Advisory Board and has new guidelines. Advisors are appointed for 2-3 years to help DCI speak out on concerns and provide expert advice on policy and project priorities, submissions, grants and fund-raising.

Prof PHILIP ALSTON

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Professor of International Law, European University Institute. Philip advises DCI about developments in human rights at the UN.

Judge RICHARD CHISHOLM

Judge of the Family Court. Richard is particularly interested in the participation of children and young people.



Prof HILARY CHARLESWORTH

Professor of International Law. Hilary advises DCI on UN human rights complaints procedures and international law.

Dr QUENTIN BRYCE

Women's College, Sydney Uni; past Human Rights Commissioner. Quentin's interests in child rights include gender and early childhood.



Dr MOIRA RAYNER

Adjunct Professor of Law, Monash Uni. Moira advises DCI on legal matters, interpretation, research projects and discrimination.

Prof CHRIS GODDARD

Professor of Social Work, Monash Uni. Chris is keen to see DCI doing more on sexual exploitation and research with children.



Judge JOHN FOGARTY

Judge of the Family Court. John's special, concerns are child protection, child support, family and adoption.