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Barnardos Sydney Metro Centre Official Opening

Barnardos Australia's newest Childrens Family Centre, the Sydney Metro Centre, will be officially opened on the 17th November by the Hon. Linda Burney MP, Minister for Community Services and Minister for Women.

Barnardos Sydney Metro Centre is an integrated centre bringing together under the one roof a range of support services for children, youth and their families across the inner city, inner west and south east Sydney areas.

These services are Yurungai Kin Care and Family Preservation Service, Yurungai Learning Centre, Aboriginal Early Years program, South East Sydney Temporary Family Care and Kids Speak. Barnardos has been working directly with the communities of Redfern and Waterloo since 2003. We will continue to provide services in this area with 60% of our family support services being designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We are excited about the establishment of this new centre in Ultimo as it means we can better serve the community with a larger range of family support and education support services.

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Notes for editors:

Barnardos Australia is a non-government, non-denominational child welfare charity that has been helping children in need for over 120 years.

Barnardos is one of the largest children's charities in Australia, caring for children at risk of abuse and neglect. The work of Barnardos Australia focuses on the prevention of abuse, neglect and entry into care. Children of all backgrounds and cultural heritage are helped through a range of welfare programs including crisis care, family support, counselling and permanent foster care.

Our vision is that all children and young people will have caring families, in which they can grow up safely and reach their full potential supported by quality services and engaged communities.

For more information visit: www.barnardos.org.au.