

## Session Four: Moving children and their families beyond vulnerability

### Activity 5: Imagining new possibilities for our work with vulnerable children and their families – An interactive panel discussion

The panel discussion will focus on Child and Family Plan Outcome 5: All children and families have many different connections to others in the community. Panel members are our keynote speakers and representatives from the Stronger Families Alliance executive:

<b>Robynne Cole</b>	Director Partnerships & Planning, Nepean Network Office, Community Services
<b>Dr. Kathryn Freiberg</b>	Senior Research Fellow Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, Griffith University
<b>Prof. Ross Homel</b>	Foundation Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University
<b>Dr. Dianne Jackson</b>	Executive Director Connect Child and Family Services
<b>Dr. Karen Malone</b>	Professor of Social Sciences Faculty of Education, University of Wollongong
<b>John McGregor</b>	Director of School Education, Blue Mountains
<b>Kerry Thomas</b>	Manager Gateway Family Services
<b>Dawn Williamson</b>	Clinical Lead Primary Care and Community Health, Group 5, Sydney West Area Health Service

#### Step one:

(25 minutes)

(a) Two questions will be put to the panel to start the discussion. Take your own notes below.

(b) If you have a question for the panel, write it on a post-it and raise your hand. A runner will collect the question and it will be put to the panel in step two.

- 1. Why are connections to the community important for vulnerable children and their families?**
- 2. If the whole service system worked together to connect vulnerable families to the community, how would children's lives be different?**

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### Activity 5: Imagining new possibilities for our work with vulnerable children and their families – An interactive panel discussion (continued)

**Step two:**

(15 minutes)

(a) Your questions from step one above will be put to the panel.

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