



## Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Nominated Supervisor	Mr Stephen Whisker
Service Name	Our Place Educational Centre
Type of Service	Centre based education and care service
Action Taken	<p>Prosecution action against Mr Stephen Whisker for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• one offence of failing to ensure adequate supervision of children - section 165(2) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; and</li><li>• one offence of failing to take every reasonable precaution to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury - section 167(2) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>.</li></ul>
Date of conviction	11 February 2020
Sentence	Convicted at Queanbeyan Local Court and fined a total of \$900

### Proven offence:

Mr Stephen Whisker, in his capacity as a nominated supervisor:

- failed to ensure that adequate supervision was provided when the child was able to leave the service premises, unseen by staff; and
- failed to take every reasonable precaution to protect a child from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury, in that:
  - there was not an adequate physical barrier to prevent the child from leaving the premises; and
  - the child was exposed to hazards including traffic and a large pond after having exited the service and walked alone and unsupervised to Woolworths.