

The Australian Stem Cell Centre is the first Australian Biotechnology centre of Excellence

An embryonic stem cell has the unique capacity to renew itself indefinitely.

Stem cells are the body's own biological repair kit.



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# Media release

## Departure of Australian Stem Cell Centre's Chief Scientific Officer

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The Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC) announces that Professor Melissa Little has decided to step back from her role as Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) of the ASCC. The move, which will take effect at the end of the year, reflects the desire of Professor Little to focus on her internationally recognised research in the area of stem cells and the kidney.

Professor Little will remain as CSO for the next few months to assist the Chair and Interim Board in the process of reviewing the ASCC's strategic and operating model as well as ensuring an orderly scientific leadership transition. The Interim Board feels her input to be invaluable in this regard and welcomes her continued contribution and support.

The Chair and the Interim Board of the ASCC thanks Professor Little for her significant contribution to the ASCC as Chief Scientific Officer over the past two years and looks forward to continuing that relationship in the future through Professor Little's research at the Institute of Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland.

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### **About the Australian Stem Cell Centre**

The **Australian Stem Cell Centre** is Australia's Biotechnology Centre of Excellence. The ASCC partners with leading Australian universities and research institutions, and brings together a critical mass of outstanding Australian stem cell research that is internationally competitive and well regarded.

The ASCC's vision is to undertake research of the highest quality in the stem cell field, in order to discover and ultimately commercialise new therapies for human disease.

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