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Early education employers welcome Productivity Commission road map for universal early childhood education

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The Productivity Commission’s Final Inquiry Report outlines the road map to deliver the Prime Minister’s vision for universal early childhood education and care.

This report adopts many of the recommendations advocated by employer peak bodies Community Child Care Association (CCC) and Community Early Learning Australia (CELA) including:

- delivering 30 hours of free or low cost early education and care for all children
- growing not-for-profit and community managed services to ensure all children can access quality early education, particularly in child care deserts
- investing in inclusive services so all children can maximise their potential
- creating a sustainable early education workforce through professional wages and access to professional development.

Quotes attributable to Community Child Care Association Executive Director Julie Price:

“This is the final piece of the reform puzzle required to deliver long overdue reforms to early childhood education and care.

The Federal Government now has the road map to create an early education system that is truly inclusive for all children and families.”

Quotes attributable to Community Early Learning Australia CEO Michele Carnegie:

“The Productivity Commission’s report will shape the reforms needed to deliver the early education and care system that Australian children and families are waiting for.”

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Interview opportunities – Brisbane & online

- CCC's Executive Director Julie Price
- CELA's CEO Michele Carnegie

Background

- CCC represents community-owned education and care services, including long day care, outside school hours care, kindergarten, family day care and occasional care educators, teachers, leaders, coordinators and directors.
- CELA supports over 1,800 members employing more than 27,000 educators and teachers nationally including community-managed not-for-profit, government and privately owned small providers delivering preschool, long day care, outside school hours care, and family day care services.