

# CCNA

## CHILD CARE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Carter

In accordance with the Committee Terms of Reference CCNA suggests the following submission presents the considered view of a wide number of eminent child care industry elders who are ready to substantiate these submissions.

Child Care National Association (CCNA) is Australia's national child care community and private sector, not-for-profit and for-profit business organisation. Uniquely CCNA's membership classes include large and small associations, individual organisations and children's services providers, staff, parents, student, academic, international, life member and industry support classes. CCNA member and member associated services include child care centres and services, kindergartens, home based child care services, schools and out of school hours care services by formal and informal private and community based organisations large and small. CCNA was formed in 1996 (and was ASIC incorporated in 1999) to bridge the private/community sector children's services divide presenting business solutions in the children's services areas for families and their children rather than sectional interest solutions.

With a combined executive experience of around 150 years we strongly support quality affordable accessible Australian child care and support continuous improvement in Australian Early Childhood Education & Care. We are of the informed view that Australian formal child care is in fact world class and that the 2006 OECD Starting Strong II report was demonstrably unbalanced and irrelevant.

### Terms of Reference

- a) The ABC event has tarnished the image of Australian child care.
- b) Existing models well provide for Australian families and largely demand is met.
- c) Government roles:
  - i. Level playing field should be provided for all Australian sectors.
  - ii. We support evidence based affordable clear and concise national standards
  - iii. As for ii for all children's services.
  - iv. Already in place.
  - v. Already in place. Government collation required.

- d) Use existing NCAC organization.
- e) Quality of Australian child care is world's best. The current Regulatory Impact Statement is incomplete. New industry Civil Penalties are excessive and frightening for the industry.

We remain, yours sincerely

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