

Dear Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee

As you are aware the Early Childhood University Teachers have for many years been seeking some pay parity with their equally qualified Teachers who work in state, catholic or independent schools.

The Governments recent announcement of The Early Years Quality Fund did provide us Early Childhood Teachers some hope. However, it does not bring us into line with our peers in the later years of Education.

The fund also creates a further divide between the profession with only some services being able to access the Early years Quality Funds preschools being excluded all together.

The fund also only covers up to 2 years of funding how do we retain teachers and educators at the end of those 2 years.

I call on the Senate to rethink this bill and look at more equitable pay to the Educators especially the University qualified teachers who make such a difference to the lives of the children who are the future of Australia, the ones who may be providing for you in your important years, retirement.

Regards

Passionate Early Childhood Teacher.