



To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to make a comment regarding the model of family day care. Care Providers are self employed operators of a childcare business in their own homes. Manly modern homes are very large and could accommodate more than four children. Our service has many enquiries each year from two people who wish to work together operating a family day care business. They are currently not able to have more than the four children per household, even where they have a suitable environment and more than one childcare worker. This is a limiting factor for the self employed person and also for the family day care scheme who struggle to attract Childcare Workers. This lack of flexibility in the legislation restricts the business and capacity of both Carer and scheme. Schemes should be able to determine the suitability of a residence to care for four or more children as well as the suitability of the Care Providers.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Linda Harnett".

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