

Standing Committee on Education and Employment

The Prime Minister has stated this fund will provide grant funding to “up to 40% of the long day care sector” and paid on “first in first served” basis.

So more than 60% of the sector misses out. The likely hood is that my hardworking, dedicated and passionate educators will miss out. Fair? Not likely!

This act of industrial vandalism will create an unAustralian two tier pay system, resulting in good staff being disillusioned and leaving the struggling sector, centres closing and parents unable to work because of a shortage of childcare.

For me to match the Quality Fund wage rates my fees will need to increase by \$9.50 per child per day. The parents can't afford such an increase; I don't think the Nation can afford such an increase.

What is the outcome for the sector in two years time when the funding ceases?

As the proud Approved Provider of a long day care service, I am protesting the unfairness of the Early Years Quality Fund Grant and this Bill.

The people at the grass roots level in this sector deserve better. They deserve to have the money from the grant distributed equally amongst all educators.

I am Mark Davis, Approved Provider of Scallywags Child Care

Yours sincerely,

Mark Davis.