

Dear Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee

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Kind regards

George D'Etto

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For too long, Early Childhood Teachers have been ignored and neglected.

Early Childhood Teachers are currently paid up to 20% less than Teachers in Schools yet we have equivalent qualifications and enormous responsibilities.

Why are teachers in Preschools not eligible?

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Phillipa Maher

Dear Committee,

I am writing to support the passage of the Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013.

The early education and care sector needs this funding to ensure we can recruit and retain educators. As a three year degree trained teacher, my current salary is lesser than the school teachers by 20%. I had my training before my children came. To upgrade to a four year trained qualification, I feel the salary I receive and the outlay to get my children to enrol in early childhood setting in order for me to work, let alone study is very disappointing.

I sincerely applaud the efforts in the bill but will seriously urge all relevant parties to consider an all encompassing and long term solution to the early childhood teachers' low wages.

Best regards,
Joanne Ng

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By the way teachers also have worked and paid the same prices for their degree so it should b more equal!

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Haylee Davis