



To whom it may concern,

As a private operator/owner of four child care centres in SA, servicing over 1000 families and employing around 200 staff, with children of my own attending the service I email you to voice my concerns about the possibility of the fund never getting off the ground due to the Federal Coalition referring the Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013 to a House of Representatives Committee for further investigation.

I have to quote Minister Garrett as he said it perfectly at his Bill speech, "Australian and international research shows that having educators with higher qualifications is closely associated with improved outcomes for children. More highly qualified staff means a greater understanding of early childhood development so staff are more able to lead activities that inspire youngsters and help learn and develop.

The bill acknowledges that commitment by securing these educators the necessary recognition of their professionalism and to reward them accordingly with higher wages."

The EYQF ensures these integral educators are remunerated at the level required so we may secure the workforce and this in turn secures our children's future and society's future.

My staff and I fought hard and long to gain the recognition and support in remuneration through this fund and as my staff and company meet the criteria we were certain we would gain access to these funds which has led to an enormous celebration. To then take this away from my staff will destroy their morale, their faith in justice and their trust in government.....please acknowledge what this then does to the environment for the children?

Happy staff, happy environment, happy children.....isn't this what we all want? Isn't this why the government implemented the NQF to begin with?

The government made a commitment, please keep it. If the Federal Coalition do not agree then maybe they can commence discussions to increase the fund to \$1.4 billion which will ensure all the sector are paid professional wages and can successfully implement the NQF the way the government intended in the first place?

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns

Regards,  
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