



I am writing to express my concerns over the inequities in the recent wage increases to the children services award.

Like many childcare professionals, I am a working mum (a single mum recently kicked off single parent pension) who has had to seek work in a limited hours service (not long day care) in order to manage work and parenting.

There are many like myself, who also have 15 years plus experience in the profession and a lot to give to the industry. However with the low wages and increased cost of living I feel forced to leave the profession to seek higher paying work.

The hours of employment in long day care are very long and do not work around school, even with using before and after school care for those who can actually afford before and after school care.

This was why I was forced to leave long day care some years ago and am now employed at a short hours service.

Why has the increase been exclusive??

very concerned and struggling to maintain a roof above my son and myself

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