

## PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

The petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the funding crisis facing the not-for-profit community based preschools in New South Wales. The State Government has failed preschool aged children –only 60% of four-year-old children in New South Wales attend preschool compared to 96% nationally. New South Wales has the highest preschool fees in Australia (average \$33/day) whereas in other states preschool fees are less than \$8/day or free.

Your petitioners therefore request the House increase the affordability of preschools by extending the 30% Commonwealth Childcare Tax Rebate to the preschool system. Your petitioners also request that the Commonwealth intervene with an injection of \$125m annual recurrent funding for community not-for-profit preschools in New South Wales.