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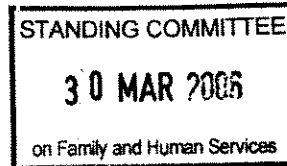
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Mrs Jennifer Selas



The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Ms Bishop,

**RE: 30% CHILD CARE REBATE**

I write to you as an Australian taxpayer who is a mother, working part-time with a child attending a local pre-school. The pre-school my son attends on the days I work is **'Registered' rather than 'Approved'** and, therefore, I will not be assisted by the Federal Government's 30% Child Care Rebate.

I have written to my Federal Member on this subject expressing my consternation at being excluded from this tax concession and subsequently received an unapologetic response from the Treasurer's Office.

The premise of the Child Care Rebate was surely to provide taxation relief to young families where all guardians were undertaking work, study or training for a minimum period per week making child care an essential expense. What then should it matter whether this be an approved or registered child care provider? **It should be sufficient that they be licensed to provide child care services. The taxpayer's choice of supplier should not affect eligibility for the rebate.**

I have some understanding of the complications within the structure, operation and funding of child care within Australia. I realise that these complications have led to the Child Care Rebate legislation being constructed as it has.

I write to you today to ask that you **please persist** in getting this issue straightened out! **This legislation, as it stands, is going to lead to the inequitable treatment of Australian taxpayers.** The Child Care Rebate was meant to help working families with the cost of child care. Some families don't deserve that help more than others because of the **type** of child care provider they choose. Please do what you can to get young families some help with child care costs that can be **applied fairly!**

Yours sincerely



Jennifer Selas