

8 May 2023

Commissioner Gropp, Commissioner Stokie and Commissioner Brennan  
Productivity Commission  
c/- Melisa Bubonya

Dear Commissioners

### **Productivity Commission Inquiry into Early Childhood Education and Care**

I am writing concerning the submission of the South Australian Child Development Council (Council) regarding the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Early Childhood Education and Care.

As noted in our meeting on 2 May 2023, agreement was reached regarding the form of the Council's submission. It was decided that the Council would send the Commission an e-version of the Council's submission to the SA Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care (birth to 5 years), with a covering letter outlining the page numbers relevant to the Productivity Commission's scope. This is that covering letter.

Of the five key areas identified within the Productivity Commission's scope, three pertain to the work of the Council. Relevant page numbers from the Royal Commission submission, attached, follow:

1. Access to quality ECEC services that meet the needs of families and children:
  - Page 16 – all children enrolment in preschool
  - Page 17 – enrolment of Aboriginal children in preschool
  - Page 17 – attendance of three- and four-year-olds at approved childcare services
2. Developmental and educational outcomes for Australian children, including preparation for school:
  - Pages 24, 25, 26 – drawn from AEDC data
3. Outcomes for children and families experiencing vulnerability and/or disadvantage, First Nations children and families, and children and families experiencing disability:
  - Page 27 – children at risk by SES
  - Page 28 – children developmentally vulnerable
  - Page 29 – changes in developmental vulnerability 2009-2021, and
  - Page 30 – developmental vulnerability by local government areas

Please also note that data for SA regarding numbers and percentages of children can be found on these pages:

- Socio economic status – page 11
- Out of home care – page 12
- Disability – page 12
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – page 13
- Data gaps – page 21.

Of course, do not hesitate to contact me via the Council Secretariat, email: [ChildrensSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:ChildrensSA@sa.gov.au) or phone: 08 8463 6429, if you have further queries.

Yours sincerely

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