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To the Productivity Commission.

I have strong concerns about the statement that staffing for under threes can be made up off Cert 3 workers. I work as a ECT and have seen many Cert3 workers, some of whom a good, but most do not come up to a level I would ever want to leave them in charge of a room. I think the minimum qualification should be the Diploma, this is a national qualification that gives the participants, a much better understanding of child behaviours, professional insight and brings in more questions of research in a holistic way.

The basic rights of children must not be diminished because having less qualified educators, a legally allowed. I come from a country that holds Childcare high and respects the qualifications of educators, NZ, the Diploma of Teaching is the lowest form of Qualifications that a worker can have, or be working towards this.

Do not diminish my Profession or others, respect the years it takes to reach an understanding, children are the leaders of tomorrow and need the best start in their education facility.

Thank you for the chance to have my say, I am a permanent resident and feel proud of my choice of profession.