

Dear Productivity Commission.

My family has a child in a community managed not for profit service. I highly value the education and care my child receives. Knowing that my child is in a high quality environment supports me to participate in the workforce. I am not prepared to compromise the health, safety, well being or learning and development of my child.

- Do not water down the standards of education and care for children under the age of 3 years. Keep the current requirements for 50% of educators working with children under 3 to hold a Diploma level or higher qualification. Qualifications are a vital element of high quality education and care.
- Do not remove eligibility of not for profit provider to pay roll tax – this will lead to significant fee increases and may affect the viability of our service
- Do not allow service to temporary operate with staffing levels below the required ratios (by averaging over a day or a week)
- Do not simplify the National Quality Standards – quality matters for our child
- Do not introduce funding arrangements that result in reduced access and financial support for vulnerable families and children and for families in crisis.

*Kind Regards*