

Productivity Commission

Submission

To Whom It May Concern

I just wanted to write a quick response that I feel strongly about the National Quality Standards Productivity. As a preschool Director in a Community based service, we have maintained a high quality educational service well before the NQS came in to being. The results are showing that most preschools are achieving Meeting or Exceeding national Quality where Long Day care centres who have been through the accreditation are not doing as well.

I believe we need to maintain and improve by:

- University Qualified Educators for all 0 to 6years
- Preschools would be more effective under the Department of Education giving an affordable early childhood education, a raised status of its teachers and the focus of importance quality early childhood program. The transition to school would be so much easier with both preschool and school coming together in their program and desired outcomes for children. If Queensland, Victoria and South Australia can do it why is NSW struggling? When I have discussed this with 6 other local preschools we are all in agreement.
- Continue the NQS for Long Day care programs. There is still such a difference between these services; anything to improve the quality is welcomed.

Yours Sincerely,

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