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To whom it may concern,

Re. Submission to the Education and Training Workforce Study

Over the last 2 years a team of researchers from the Children and Families Research Centre at Macquarie University including Dr Rebekah Grace, Professor Jennifer Bowes, Dr Frances Gibson and Dr Anne McMaugh, have been conducting research in collaboration with UnitingCare Burnside on the integrated service model. An integrated model of service delivery is currently held up within research and at the highest level of government as the optimal approach to providing better outcomes for children and families, particularly for those who experience social exclusion and disadvantage. Our findings have confirmed that the embracing of this model within the health and education sectors can be very challenging for professionals. It requires new ways of working.

I am attaching a copy of an article that we published in the Australian journal, *Developing Practice*, with the permission of this journal. This article discusses the importance of a review of professional training and ongoing professional support and development within education and the service professions if we are to successfully embrace this model of service delivery to benefit families within our communities. Our hope is that the discussion within this article on this model and the implications for practice will contribute to your inquiry.

With thanks,

Dr Rebekah Grace