

Thank you for agreeing to help our preschool programs to support children and families across NSW. Your voice matters, and by contacting the Premier, you can help make sure the voices of parents are heard in decisions that affect our children and their early learning.

Instructions for writing to the Premier:

- ☐ Visit this website: [Contact the NSW Premier](#)
- ☐ Fill in your name, state (NSW), postcode and email address (residential address is optional)
- ☐ In 'Type of Message' - select 'Leave a Message'
- ☐ In 'Subject' - type 'Cuts to long day care preschool programs'
- ☐ In 'Message' – cut and paste one of the messages below
- ☐ Under 'Your Enquiry' - tick the box 'Yes I would like a response'
- ☐ Tick the Privacy information box
- ☐ Tick 'Submit'.

Message – if you have a child aged 3-5 years;

Dear Premier, I am the parent of a preschool-aged child at a not for profit long day care centre. We are very happy with the preschool program delivered by an early childhood teacher at our centre.

Like you, we believe every child should have the best start in life, and that access to quality early learning is important in helping children get ready for school and thrive in the years beyond.

We understand that the NSW Government currently supports preschool programs in long day care centres through operational funding, as well as providing fee relief to families.

We are shocked to hear that the NSW Government is proposing to remove this operational funding. This would put additional financial pressure on centres like ours and could mean centres have to increase fees or reduce spending on the people, resources and experiences that directly contribute to the quality of the preschool program. Either outcome would be bad news for families like mine.

We want our child to continue accessing a high quality preschool program at the centre we know, without it becoming less affordable for our family.

We urge you to reconsider this short-sighted decision, and maintain, or better still, increase the State's support for New South Wales' youngest learners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Message – If you have a child aged 0-2 years:

I am the parent of a young child at a not-for-profit long day care centre. Our child is very happy at the centre, and we value the trusting relationships they have built with their educators. We are therefore considering enrolling our child in the preschool program offered at the centre when they reach preschool age, so they can continue learning and growing in a place they already know and love.

Like you, we believe every child should have the best start in life, and that access to quality early learning is important in helping children get ready for school and thrive in the years beyond.

We understand that the NSW Government currently supports preschool programs in long day care centres through operational funding, as well as providing fee relief to families.

We are shocked to hear that the NSW Government is now proposing to remove the operational funding for the program, which directly contributes to the quality of the preschool program.

For families like mine, this could affect the decision about where our child attends preschool in the future. We want our child to be able to continue at the centre we know, but we also need to know that high quality preschool will remain affordable and sustainable.

This will mean that our centre will be forced to either increase fees or cut spending on many of the things that enhance the quality of its preschool program. Either way, it's bad news for families like mine.

We urge you to reconsider this short-sighted decision, and maintain, or better still, increase the State's support for the State's youngest learners.

Thank you for your consideration.