

Media release



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Statement: NSW Upper House Committee Report Release

The NSW Legislative Council's report on the early childhood education and care sector has been welcomed by the State's largest provider of ECEC as a powerful statement confirming the need for all children to be able to access early learning that is safe and high quality.

Goodstart Early Learning said that while it was still considering the detail of the report, the Committee's recommendations on child safety and high-quality early learning, workforce training and support, and stronger stewardship to ensure services are established where they are needed were important.

"The Committee acknowledges the enormous contributions that early childhood educators and teachers make every day to provide great learning and care. Its recommendations to improve access to training and support, to improve wages and conditions and ensure all services are properly and safely staffed will be welcomed by the sector.

"We are also supportive of the Committee's calls for all levels of Government to work towards building a sector that is more focused on good outcomes for children.

"Importantly the first recommendation in the report urges the NSW Government to support the creation of a new National ECEC Commission.

"Goodstart strongly believes a National Commission will help hold regulators and providers to account and we welcome the Committee's support for this proposal.

"We look forward to engaging with the NSW Government, Opposition and Cross Benchers on developing sensible policy proposals that build on the committee's report and improve the quality, safety and accessibility of early learning services across NSW."

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Notes for editors

Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest early learning provider with 661 centres nationwide. We're a not-for-profit social enterprise committed to improving the lives of Australia's children and their families. For more information, visit goodstart.org.au.

Acknowledgement of country

Goodstart acknowledges all Traditional Custodians across Australia and recognises First Nations peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the land, sky and waterways that surround us. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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