

Media release



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Victoria's child safety rapid review will help make children safer

Goodstart Early Learning, Victoria's largest not for profit early learning provider, has welcomed the Child Safety Rapid Review report released and accepted by the Victorian Government today.

"This report recommends a series of important reforms which combined will help make children safer," Goodstart CEO Dr Ros Baxter said.

"We are pleased to see this report reflects many of the improvements for which we have long advocated."

"Overhauling the thresholds for holding a working with children check are long overdue and particularly important.

"Joining the dots on data and approval through the Social Services Register also makes sense, although consultation on how this will be implemented is crucial to ensure regulation and reporting are both efficient and effective.

"We welcome increased funding for the regulator to undertake more frequent compliance visits. The Victorian regulator currently outperforms the other states in quality assessments and compliance visits and this additional funding will set a new benchmark for the other States to follow.

"We were also pleased to see the report highlights the need for urgent national reforms such as the need for a National Educators Register and a National Early Learning Commission. These are reforms we also support.

"Educators are the first line of defence in child safety and initiatives such as mandatory child safety training, clear prioritisation of child safety and an increased emphasis on reporting any concerns will help to re-enforce that.

"We will be reviewing the report in more detail over coming days and look forward to working with the State and Federal Government to progress reforms that will help make our children safer," she said.



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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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