

PETITION

MAINTAINING COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FUNDING TOWARDS THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR VICTORIAN KINDERGARTENS

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT

This petition of the families of Green Park Kindergarten, draws to the attention of the House that the Commonwealth Government has made no further commitment to fund the five hours of kindergarten it currently funds as part of the National Partnership Agreement that ensures all Victorian children receive 15 hours of funded kindergarten beyond December 2015. The benefits of 15 hours of a high quality early years program in the year prior to commencing school has been well researched.

Your petitioners request the Commonwealth Government ensures it continues to recognise the benefit of 15 hours of kindergarten for children in the year prior to commencing school. Considering the benefits of an extended kindergarten program we ask the Commonwealth Government to continue to commit to the 5 hours of funding it currently provides under the National Partnership Agreement beyond December 2014 ~~on an ongoing basis~~ to support the fundamental development of all Victorian kindergarten children.