



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Quality and safety of Australia's early childhood education and care system

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 17 February 2026**

**Edinburgh Room
Stamford Plaza, 111 Little Collins St, Melbourne**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Y Australia (<i>Submission 40</i>) Ms Alexandra Ash, Chief Executive Officer Mr Jarrod Dobson, National Director Mr Craig Mathieson, Chief Executive Officer, Ballarat
9.45 am	Children and Young People with Disability Australia (<i>via teleconference</i>) (<i>Submission 84</i>) Ms Skye Kakoschke-Moore, Chief Executive Officer
10.30 am	Break
10.45 am	Early Learning Association Australia (<i>Submission 19</i>) Dr Karina Davis, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sally Maddison, Advocacy Director
11.30 am	Outside School Hours Council of Australia (<i>Submission 82</i>) Mrs Melinda Crole, President
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	The Front Project (<i>Submission 9</i>) Dr Caroline Croser-Barlow, Chief Executive Officer Ms Martel Menz, Strategic Policy Manager
2.15 pm	Centre for Policy Development (<i>Submission 11</i>) Ms Katherine Osborne, Program Director-Social Services Ms Adelajda Soltysik, Senior Adviser
3.00 pm	Parents Work Collective (<i>Submission 56</i>) Ms Alannah Batho, Director
3.45 pm	Break
4.00 pm	SNAICC – National Voice for our Children (<i>Submission 46</i>) Ms Catherine Liddle, Chief Executive Officer
4.30 pm	Adjournment

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