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Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Committees
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senators

RE: Senate Inquiry into the immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia

We note that many of the terms of reference for the above inquiry are similar to the terms of reference for the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning.

Consequently, we are attaching the Early Learning Association Australia (ELAA) submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry and ask that you consider this as a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia.

We would also like to draw your attention to the many public submissions available on the Productivity Commission website that relate to Childcare and Early Childhood Learning. In particular we would ask you to consider submissions from the following organisations within your own terms of reference:

- Early Childhood Australia (ECA)
- Early Childhood Intervention Australia (ECIA)
- Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS)
- bestchance

We would also be interested to know how this Senate Inquiry will interact with the Productivity Commission Inquiry. In particular we are concerned about the impacts on the sector should there be different outcomes and different recommendations from each.

Yours sincerely

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