

Dear Members of Parliament,

Re: Inquiry into the Early Years Fund Special Account Bill 2013

I am appalled by this bill to fund only a few of the childcare staff based on a selection committee staffed by the Childcare Union.

I am the owner of a small family operated childcare centre in Melbourne for nearly 20 years. I find the whole idea that only centres with staff who are Union members are given tax payers money is wrong.

This will divide the industry into unionised centres whose staff get a bonus from the tax payer and non unionised centres who do not. That is not what tax payers money is for - it should be spent regardless of the choice individuals make whether to join a union or not.

Fair Work Australia is the government body to decide the wages for ALL childcare staff - if the government wants to help centres pay their staff more, then it should be a lesser, more affordable, amount for all childcare staff.

Child care is too important for this grubby politics of helping a union recruit new members with tax payer funded bribes.

Yours sincerely,

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