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Dear Committee Members,

Re : Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013

I own and operate long day child care centres in Queensland.

I thoroughly disagree with the Proposal to provide funding for staff wages to some Centres and not others.

Since this proposal was floated in the press a month ago, I have also seen a large increase in Union activity to press the case for 'join the Union and get the pay rise' - as set out in their advertising.

I am also thoroughly disappointed that peak representative bodies such as Childcare Queensland and Australian Childcare Alliance were kept in the dark about these proposals. This shows a worrying lack of transparency with the Childcare sector.

All staff in the sector are either entitled to pay increases or none are. Don't play favourites because your union paymasters want you to. It's <u>taxpayers'</u> money after all.

Yours Faithfully

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