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I am writing on behalf of the educators with in my centre, which include Diploma and Certificate 3 trained personnel.

In regards to the Early Years Quality Fund I believe that these hard working educators will be disadvantaged.

I own a private long day care in rural NSW the centre is licenced for 29 children.

I employ only 3 full time staff and 3 part time staff. As a small business operator I have never entered into a wages enterprise agreement and believe the time and cost of such with only a small work force would be prohibitive.

My employees who work just as hard as educators in large centres and are still required as an educator and as a child care provider within a centre to meet all relevant legislation, standards and regulations are going to miss out on a much needed pay rise as I feel the system for, and requirements for applying for the funding are inequitable.

Please hold a much needed urgent review into this matter. The funding needs to be available to all child care workers across the board and be accessible to all child care operators.

Sincerely

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