

Subject: Submission - Childcare Inquiry 2023

Dear ACCC,

I apologise for my lateness and hope you can consider my submission on the Childcare Inquiry 2023.

Childcare outcomes must be focussed on meeting the needs of children and families. However the largely private-based care in this country prioritises profit over those outcomes.

Given the huge amount of public funds that subsidise the profit-motivated private sector, please consider directing more funds to publicly-operated centres. Make it policy to actively encourage local councils to open new centres.

Promoting more publicly-operated centres will encourage purpose-built centres and properly paid/managed staff, which will deliver superior outcomes for children at probably no greater cost.

Importantly, the higher standard of care at public centres will help lift the tide for what the community expects of private centres.

Thank you for considering my submission.