

In addition, a public childcare system would allow child health nurses to connect with children and complete their screening of 2-year-olds at the centre, similarly to that of the kindy screen. Health and behaviour concerns would be identified earlier and children would be ready for school when the time comes. Referrals to services like Wanslea and alike offer fantastic services to our community and their services could be linked in to the system too so childcare becomes a 'one-stop-shop' for information, advice, referrals and family support, stopping the need for lots of different referrals and parents needing to learn how to navigate the system.

Raising a happy, healthy child is challenging enough, let's make the system simpler to support our children and their parents to raise confident, happy, healthy kids.

I would love to have the opportunity to talk with you in person about this and feel deeply

passionate in providing quality care for all children in our state so we can provide them with the best possible start to life.