

Good morning

Thank you for your email to the Minister for Human Services in relation to the Noarlunga Fleurieu Occasional Community Children's Centre.

As this matter falls in the portfolio responsibilities of Minister for Education, Training and Skills, your email has been referred to this office for response.

A response will be forwarded from the Minister for Education, Training and Skills once advice has been received and considered.

You are welcome to contact the office on [redacted] if you wish to discuss further. Please quote reference number [redacted].

Kind regards

Belinda

**Office of the Hon Blair Boyer MP**  
**Minister for Education, Training and Skills**  
Department for Education | Kurna Country,

I acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country throughout Australia and their connection to land and community. I pay my respects to their Cultures and to the Elders both past and present.



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**To:** Minister.rishworth; Hurtle Vale EO ; DHS:Minister Human Services; DCP:Minister Hildyard

**Subject:** Fleurieu Occasional care support consideration

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Hon, Natalie Cook  
Minister for Human Services

Hon, Amanda Rishworth  
Minister for Social Service

Dear Ministers,

It is a pleasure to write to you all on a matter that is close to my family's heart as well as other families in the southern area of Adelaide who may be affected by the recent news from the Noarlunga Fleurieu Occasional Community Children's Centre. (attached). This news has come at a difficult time for many families who are reliant on this outstanding service. More importantly at a time of increased family economic pressure and employment uncertainty, not to mention children's educational stability and learning development.

I write as a grandfather of two grandsons who are attending this children centre for the last two years. The children centre has more than provided a secure learning environment for early childhood learning as well as a stable routine for a child with disabilities, which is an essential need so as to build confidence with learning. As with many families needing to have both members working, the centre provides the security, routine and foundation for many working parents to contribute to the workforce. My daughters work requires her to comply with a rotating shifts and the centre provides that important service and routine for child care that allows her in turn to provide an essential policing service to the public.

Ministers, you have all known my previous role in the South as the ATSI coordinator of the Hackham West Community Centre for five years and the advocacy I have applied for disadvantaged community members in the South. This advocacy still remains as a DV program officer for SA corrections travelling across the APY lands, NT, SA and WA in remote communities and prisons. Through my work in my present role, I have been asked by community agencies and services to support their needs whilst delivering programs, something outside my work role but a role I commit too in giving a voice. Minister Rishworth may be aware of my correspondence in December 2022 on behalf of the Ceduna Far West Coast Ceduna Hub Chair for the proposed Far West Coast Wellbeing centre. Premier Malinauskas would see the result of my advocacy by nominating and writing the submission for Senior Constable Dean Walker of Cobber Pedy, who was one of the finalists for the 2023 NAIDOC wards. The Nunga Tag event in the South has remained sustainable and I have supported the request from the Nunga Tag committee whilst working in remote areas to help guide and advise and draft proposals on their behalf. It is now my daughters request for support and give voice to the children's centre and the families who need this facility.

I acknowledge that its Christmas time and the political arena has been arduous and tiering in your respective portfolios, however, the recent news of closure for a childcare centre that has been operational for the last 33 years, is of great concern and disspaoitment for many who are reliant on its service. For many, Christmas may be difficult and the sudden news is something that won't bring cheerfulness, especially for the children.

As with any childhood educational facility, stability is essential for child learning and social interaction. Due to the closure of the centre, children are needing to adapt to a new environment, this puts emotional and mental strains on children, especially those with disabilities and this will cause disruptions and add stress to families.

Any department correspondence to the Fleurieu Occasional Community Children's Centre management to discuss funding opportunities or strategies would be greatly appreciated by families affected by the sudden news of closure.

Kind Regards