



The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP
Minister for Early Childhood Education
Minister for Youth

Reference:

Mr Ross Tanimu

Dear Mr Tanimu

Thank you for your correspondence on 9 January 2024 in relation to the closure of the Noarlunga Fleurieu Occasional Care Childcare Centre.

The Australian Government acknowledges the concerns you have raised, as well as those of the families and community of Noarlunga, regarding the closure of the service.

The Government is committed to improving the early childhood education and care (ECEC) system, to ensure all Australian children have the best possible start in life and that parents are supported to work, train or study. To that end, the Government will continue to deliver important ECEC reforms, while also implementing new measures designed to improve the ECEC system and make it more accessible for families.

While ECEC in Australia is delivered through a market approach, funding is provided through the Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) to improve further access to ECEC in Australia by helping services address barriers to ECEC participation, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The Government provided funding to Fleurieu Occasional Care Childcare Centre through a CCCF Special Circumstances grant in September 2023, to support the service for 12 months to September 2024. This funding opportunity is available to help approved providers remain open when something unexpected happens, or where they are at risk of permanent closure with no other suitable care in the community.

I have copied this letter to the Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, and Ms Angie Bell MP, Member for Moncrieff.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Dr Anne Aly

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