

Submission to Childcare Productivity Commission

To: childcare@pc.gov.au

From: Snugglepott Day Care Centre Management Committee & Staff Team

Date: 29th January 2014

Dear Productivity Commission,

- Every child in Australia should be given the right to access affordable Early Childhood Education. This should especially include children from disadvantaged & vulnerable situations for example: children from Aboriginal families, low income, single parent families & children & families with a disability.
- Every child's education should extend back to birth.
- We need a different way to meet the demand for Early Childhood Education; one that is supported by social & civic responsibility.
- We want quality community based non profit education & staff salaries paid by Government as in the Nation's Public Schools.
- Systems that raise quality, such as the National Quality Framework & National Quality Standards, should be acknowledged & implemented.
- Australia should, & needs to pay, for a world class Early Education & Care System that is admired & revered internationally.
- Australia must pay all our Early Childhood Educators salaries that fully indicate & recognize the importance of their role.
- Resources to support our submission:

1. Productivity Commission, Key Points: "Deep & Persistent Disadvantage in Australia" – as attached

2. Summary: "The Trouble with Childcare" The Australia Institute: Policy Brief No. 49 – as attached

3. Additional Resource: "The Henry Tax Report: Childcare Assistance Chapter"

For & on behalf of Committee & Staff: Geraldine Smith, Director