



Institute of Early Childhood **INSTITUTE ADVISORY BOARD**

Childcare and Early Childhood Learning
Productivity Commission
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To whom it may concern;

As Chair of the Macquarie University, Institute of Early Childhood Advisory Board (IAB) and on behalf of its members listed below:

Name	Category
Janet Greely	Dean / Executive Dean of Faculty of Human Services
Peter Whiteman	Head, IEC
Sheila Degotardi	Academic Staff
Marianne Fenech	Academic Staff
Marina Papic	Director, Children and Families Research Centre, Macquarie University
Ruth Newman	Position of eminence in EC field
Robyn Bale	Position of eminence in EC field - NSW Department of Education and Communities
Dr Kate O'Brien	Position of eminence in EC field – Assistant Director of Teaching & Learning Catholic Education Office (NSW)
Leanne Gibbs	Position of eminence in EC field – CEO Community Child Care Cooperative
Ruth Callaghan	Position of eminence in EC field – General Manager, Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate, DEC, NSW
Ginie Udy	Senior leader from org. that employs IEC Graduates – CEO, SDN Children's Services
Chris Legg	Senior leader from org. that employs IEC Graduates – CEO, KU Children's Services
Anita Jovanovski	Senior leader from org. that employs IEC Graduates – CEO, NSW Family Day Care
Tonia Godhard AM	Consultant and long-time EC Advocate
Maria Pender	Retired Director of Clovelly CCC and advocate for IEC's Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Services) targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

I am writing in support of the submission made to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning, by the Institute of Early Childhood (IEC).

As individual members of the Advisory Board, many of us are employers of graduates of IEC and believe that the quality of our services and educational provision to children is dependent on the quality of the entry level professionals who graduate from IEC; and we support and agree with the IEC position on the absolute necessity for teachers to be working with young children in early childhood learning settings.

Kind regards

Ginie Udy
Chair
Macquarie University, Institute of Early Childhood Advisory Board