



Background

The Childcare Association of WA Inc (CAWA) represents providers of Western Australia's long day childcare places, 3 year old Kindy programs and Outside School Hours Care. (Private & Community)

We are a full member of the Australian Childcare Alliance.

Our Philosophy:

Members of the Association believe:

- All children deserve a safe and secure environment that challenges and stimulates and offers time for discovery and reflection and collaboration.
- Parents have the right to feel confident that their children are being cared for in a safe and proactive environment that caters for individuality and different cultural backgrounds.
- Staff have the right to work in a centre of excellence that is committed to improving the conditions and public perception of child care workers and the industry.
- The community has the right to information and education about the benefits of quality child care for WA children.
- It is our right to have a voice in the future direction of our industry.

CAWA congratulates the Government on calling for a Productivity Commission Review of the Early Childhood Education (ECEC), and we welcome the Government's concern in addressing the needs of Australian Families and the Children who rely on quality, affordable care.

Through our National Association (ACA) a submission has been sent, CAWA is in full support of this submission, which puts forth our members and families concerns and voices on a National level.

WA inconsistencies:

- Corresponding Legislation – Delays in implementation of amendments of regulations and Law
- Early Childhood Teachers (ECT) – WA has free Kindergarten at all State schools, this is problematic for many parents and services. Lack of (ECT's), cost for parents
- Ratios – WA; 0-2 age group 1:4, 2-3 age group 1:5, 3-5 age group 1:10