

I am writing to you in response to draft findings 5.1 and 5.2 and recommendation 3.5 put forward in the Early Childhood Development Workforce Draft Report.

I am working in a long day care setting whilst I am in my final semester at university completing my early childhood teaching degree. I can assure you that myself along with the vast majority of my colleagues will be seeking employment in the public school system instead of long day care or non government preschools because the working conditions including hours, non face to face teaching time and paid leave and remuneration do not compare to that offered by the Department of Education and Communities; sadly, they don't even come close.

I strongly suggest that you take action immediately and convert the workforce findings into concrete recommendations if you are serious about improving the workforce standards and retaining qualified staff including Cert III, Diploma and Degree qualified staff in the industry.

Kind Regards

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