

Write a Letter

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This letter is an example of the types of things you may want to include in a letter to a politician or candidate. Most importantly, write about the issues that concern you!

(Date)

A Citizen
56 My Street
Mytown, 9876

Ms A Politician
765 Main St
Suburb, 9875

Dear _____,

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE – THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY!

Before I decide to give you my vote in this year's Federal election I need to know what you will do to achieve the following:

- **Fund community child care**
 - Provide capital funding to make sure there is at least one community owned and managed early childhood service for every 800 children up to the age of 5 years
- **Increase Wages for Child Carers**
 - By increasing Child Care Benefit so that services can pay decent wages to attract and retain skilled and qualified staff, while charging fees that parents can afford
- **Stop Destructive Competition**
 - Bring back planning controls by setting a cap on the number of CCB places for long day care in each community to stop uncontrolled growth in areas that already have enough services
 - Retain and strengthen the planning controls for Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) to ensure that the number of not-for-profit community owned OSHC services does not drop as commercial operators move in

Children are precious – and the more effort and investment we put into supporting them and their families the stronger Australian society will be.

As an advocate for community-owned child care I will consider your response to these matters very seriously before I allocate my vote.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature & name of sender)

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