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## National Association Of Community Based Children's Services

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **THE COMMUNITY SECTOR WELCOMES SPOT CHECKS OF CHILD CARE QUALITY**

The community sector welcomes the announcement today by the Federal Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs of the introduction of spot checks to the national children's services quality assurance system.

The National Association of Community Based Children's Services (NACBCS) has called on the government for a long time to strengthen its ability to protect children from poor quality children's services.

Community owned not-for-profit children's services have always supported strong systems for ensuring our children receive high quality care.

NACBCS National Convenor, Lynne Wannan said today 'Unscrupulous operators have been cheating the system for too long. We know that some children's services bring in extra staff, equipment and food for the children just for the day of the validator's visit; then they return to poor practices the very next day.'

'At last the government will be able to detect these poor practices and stop them before they do damage.'

'We thank the new Minister for listening to us.'

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