

## ACCS 2019 ELECTION POLICY SCORECARD

This scorecard rates the major parties against the ACCS federal election policy platform, based on election policy announcements and recent initiatives released up to 7 May 2019. See over the page for explanatory notes.

ACCS policy platform headline issues	ALP	Liberal National Coalition	Greens
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Partnership for the National Quality Framework is extended and adequately funded beyond 2020</li> </ul>	✗	✗	✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building a skilled and professional early and middle childhood workforce – pay equity for educators; subsidised fees for upskilling to diploma and degree early childhood qualifications; stronger controls for early childhood courses and quality assurance of providers</li> </ul>	✓	✗	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and families experiencing vulnerability have two days per week of subsidised access - all children, including those of non-working parents, are eligible for subsidised early childhood education and care for at least 2 days per week – from a minimum of 18 hours up to 24 hours per week reflecting the operating hours of the service</li> </ul>	✓	✗	✓

### LEGEND



Compatible with ACCS policy



Partially meets ACCS policy



Policies are not compatible with ACCS policy

## ACCS 2019 ELECTION POLICY SCORECARD Explanatory Notes

The full detail of ACCS Election Policy Platform are available on the ACCS website  
[www.ausccs.org.au](http://www.ausccs.org.au)

### ALP (see

[www.billshorten.com.au/better\\_pay\\_for\\_early\\_childhood\\_educators\\_sunday\\_28\\_april\\_2019](http://www.billshorten.com.au/better_pay_for_early_childhood_educators_sunday_28_april_2019)

[www.alp.org.au/media/1337/181003-preschools-and-kindy-program-fact-sheet.pdf](http://www.alp.org.au/media/1337/181003-preschools-and-kindy-program-fact-sheet.pdf))

- Fund a pay increase of 20% for early childhood educators over 8 years – supporting workers and delivering professional pay
- 10,000 fee free TAFE places
- Increase Child Care Subsidy to 85-100% of the hourly fee cap for families earning between \$70,000 and \$100,000pa and review the impact of CCS on vulnerable families
- National Preschool and Kindy Program – Commit permanent ongoing funding to the national preschool and kindy program for all four year olds and extend the program to cover all three year olds – commencing in 2021.

**LIBERAL/NATIONAL COALITION** (see [www.liberal.org.au/our-policies](http://www.liberal.org.au/our-policies) and [www.liberal.org.au/our-plan/families](http://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan/families); no new early childhood policies have been released during the election campaign to date)

- Accessible, Affordable Child Care

The Government's new Child Care Subsidy is making child care more accessible and affordable for nearly 1 million families. A typical family is around \$1,300 better off a year. Our changes have reduced child care out of pocket costs for families by more than 10% within the first 6 months of the new Child Care Subsidy.

**GREENS** (see <https://greensmps.org.au/articles/greens-launch-plan-make-childcare-free-extend-early-childhood-education-three-year-olds>)

- Support Educators and Carers – by supporting United Voice “Big Steps” campaign for fair pay for early childhood educators, developing and implementing a workforce strategy to achieve professional pay and working conditions and make TAFE and university fees free
- Make Child Care Fee Free for Most Families – through abolishing the activity test for access to Child Care Subsidy, making child care fee free for families with a combined income of up to \$171,958
- Universal Early Childhood Education for Three and Four-Year-Olds – through extending universal access to early childhood education to 24 hours per week for all three and four-year-olds and extending the National Partnership Agreement for Universal Access to Early Childhood Education on an ongoing basis