



Statement from Early Learning Association Australia on Four Corners investigation

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Following the publication of a Four Corners article ahead of tonight's investigation into the childcare sector, Early Learning Association Australia (ELAA) is distressed and saddened by the issues raised and the implications these have on children, families and the committed professionals in the wider sector.

We know that the majority of teachers and educators in the early childhood education and care sector care deeply about their profession and the children in their care.

We also recognise that the sector has been under an increasing amount of pressure over the years with more demand than ever placed on services and staff.

As an organisation, ELAA continues to work with both the Victorian State Government and the federal government in pushing for change within the sector to better protect our children and ensure their experience and education is the utmost priority.

In the last six months, progress has been made at a state and national level to reform the early childhood education and care system, and ELAA has been forthcoming with all levels of government to ensure our members' interests are represented.

We also continue to support our members to ensure they can implement any changes and reforms quickly, efficiently and in line with all compliance requirements.

As a whole, the important work of the sector needs to be acknowledged and prioritised through better conditions and wages for the workforce. If, alongside changes in safeguarding measures, we are able to value, retain and attract the very best of professionals in early childhood education and care, we will ensure children have the best quality of education as well as a thoroughly enjoyable and safe early learning experience.

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