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## Nation's largest not for profit urges parliament to put children first and pass the Three Day ECEC Guarantee

Australia's largest NFP early learning provider has urged all parties to work together to ensure that the Three Day Guarantee for early learning legislation passes the Parliament before the election.

Goodstart Early Learning CEO Dr Ros Baxter said it was exciting news that the legislation to enact the Guarantee will be introduced into Parliament this week and encouraged all parties to get behind it for the benefit of the nation's children.

"The Three Day Guarantee will remove a significant barrier which has stopped many disadvantaged children accessing early learning and created unnecessary red tape for families," she said.

"These changes could see some low income families accessing three days of early learning saving upwards of \$200 a week, with all families benefiting from less red tape.

"This reform is long overdue and was recommended by both the ACCC and the Productivity Commission after an extensive review of the evidence.

"Over the last four years, the number of families accessing the safety net child care subsidy entitlement has fallen from 32,000 to just 7,600. Families in regional areas and First Nations families have been particularly hard hit.

"The complex activity test red tape has been an unnecessary burden on all Australian families and these changes will make it simpler for everyone, including parents returning to work.

"The evidence, along with what we see occurring in our 653 centres, shows that this change is a win for families that will especially benefit those experiencing disadvantage.

It will help ensure they can access enough early learning to set their children up for success in school and life.



“Getting the legislation considered and passed quickly is crucial so families can benefit from the Three Day Guarantee next year.

“As the Nation’s largest provider we look forward to welcoming new families to early learning in January 2026 and urge all parties to work together to get this law passed by the Parliament as soon as possible.”



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**Notes for editors:** Goodstart Early Learning is Australia’s largest not for profit early learning provider with 653 centres nationwide supporting 61,000 children from 51,000 families. We are committed to improving the lives of Australia’s children and their families. Website: [goodstart.org.au](http://goodstart.org.au).

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