



Dear Member,

We need your support to secure permanent funding for 15 hours of preschool education for all children.

All four year olds currently access 15 hours of preschool each week delivered by a degree qualified early childhood teacher and a co-educator, through a National Partnership Agreement between the Commonwealth and States/Territories. **This funding will run out at the end of 2020** unless the Morrison government commits to a permanent investment in Universal Access.

Without this commitment preschool funding could be cut by a third and children will return to 10 hours of education per week. This will have a detrimental impact on children, families and the workforce.

We know that high-quality preschool education sets children up for life. They deserve nothing less. Parents deserve certainty and staff deserve job security.

For the past six years the AEU has been campaigning to secure permanent funding, with funding only ever extended on a 12-month basis. **We are particularly worried this time because of the Morrison government's inquiry into Universal Access. We fear that the outcome of this inquiry could provide the impetus for the removal of federal government funding. We simply cannot stand by and allow this to happen.**

What you can do

- Ask families and colleagues to sign the 5 postcards and return to the AEU in the reply-paid envelope by Friday 13th December. We would love all 15,000 postcards returned to make the greatest impact. We're also doing this activity with our other state and territory AEU branches to have maximum effect.
- If you would like more postcards, please let us know by contacting Tiffany tiffany.lucas@aeuvic.asn.au or download your own copy <https://www.aeuvic.asn.au/your-job/early-childhood>.
- The postcards will be delivered to Prime Minister Scott Morrison early in 2020 to demonstrate that families, communities and the profession demand that the Morrison government remain committed to preschool children, families and the profession.

Thank you for your support

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Peace".

Meredith Peace
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cara Nightingale".

Cara Nightingale
Vice President Early Childhood

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lily Ames".

Lily Ames
Deputy Vice President Early Childhood