

6 May 2019

The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC
NSW Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning
Parliament of New South Wales
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister Mitchell,

**Re: Request to include Coffs Harbour for the NSW Department of Education's
2019 Roadshows and the 2019 Consultation Sessions for the Review of the
National Quality Framework**

As you know, the Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) NSW conducts 26 Network Meetings for members and non-members every year across Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle, Illawarra and Coffs Harbour. These regions collectively represent 93% of the entire NSW population.

At our recent Network Meeting at Coffs Harbour on 15 April 2019, approved providers were quite disappointed that the NSW Department of Education excluded Coffs Harbour for the upcoming round of their Roadshows, especially when they include Consultation Sessions for the Review of the National Quality Framework.

This region has 57 services supporting up to 2,654 children and their families, employing up to 114 teachers and up to 570 educators, cooks, trainees and support staff.

As a regional Member of Parliament, you would appreciate more than most that without at least two sessions conducted in Coffs Harbour, this would compel all 57 services to travel to either Port Macquarie or Lismore in order to engage and participate in these important sessions.

An on-line petition was organised (<https://www.change.org/p/nsw-minister-for-early-childhood-education-the-hon-sarah-mitchell-mlc-coffs-harbour-deserves-its-own-2019-review-of-nqf-sessions>) where already 40 out of the 57 services have requested your assistance to have the NSW Department of Education conduct a session in Coffs Harbour.

We look forward to your response. On behalf of all the services in Coffs Harbour, we hope for your positive news. And thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,



Chiang Lim
CEO