

## **MEDIA RELEASE – 25 MARCH 2019**

### **ACA NSW CONGRATULATES RETURNED NSW COALITION GOVERNMENT**

**SYDNEY:** New South Wales' peak body for privately-owned early childhood education and care providers, the Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) NSW, has congratulated the returned NSW Coalition Government on its third term.

"NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and her NSW Liberal/National Government won a historic third term and ACA NSW is looking forward to working closely with her government over the next four years," said Lyn Connolly, President of ACA NSW.

The Berejiklian Government campaigned on their \$120 million package primarily on Out-of-School-Hours-Care (OSHC) services over four years that included:

- \$50 million funding to help schools buy new equipment and expand or establish new OSHC facilities, especially in high demand areas;
- \$40 million in rental subsidies, up to \$15,000 per annum, to eligible service providers to reduce the cost on parents who utilise OSHC services;
- \$20 million to facilitate implementation of services and help tailor solutions for school communities where a standalone service may not be viable, including smaller schools and rural and remote communities;
- creating a specialist OSHC team to help provide bespoke solutions, coordinate services, take the hassle out of managing contracts for schools and offer providers more support than ever before; and
- developing an online portal to allow parents and carers to register interest, search for and book student places online.

We fully intend to continue engaging with Premier Berejiklian's government in order to achieve a greater fairness and parity with what other states' children receive by their State Governments," said Mrs Connolly.

Other challenges faced by the early childhood education and care sector in New South Wales also include the 2019 Review of the National Quality Framework, preschool funding for 3-and-4-year-old preschool children, assessments and ratings, childcare oversupply and the associated approvals process, labour shortages, and payroll taxes.

**\*\*\* ENDS \*\*\***

Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) NSW ([www.nsw.childcarealliance.org.au](http://www.nsw.childcarealliance.org.au)) is the peak body for privately owned early childhood education and care services in NSW, numbering approximately 1,600 childcare services, employing over 25,000 staff and supporting over 125,000 families. ACA NSW provides advocacy, policy and regulatory and business support and advice, member services and professional development for members and their staff across the state.

**For further media inquiries, please contact  
ACA NSW President Lyn Connolly on 0425 225 275  
ACA NSW CEO Chiang Lim on 0427 277 299**