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**BUILDING CODE OF AUSTRALIA TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY AND
EVACUATIONS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES IN
HIGH RISE AND MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

[Proposed amendments](#) to the Building Code of Australia outlining potential new emergency and evacuation requirements of early childhood education and care services were released today (23 September 2019).

There are currently 62 out of a possible 5,503 NSW-based services who operate in multi-storey buildings. Consequently, the proposed amendment may or may not impact on them depending on whether the NSW Government decides to apply these changes retrospectively or only to future services from 2020 onwards.

“We will seek advice from technical experts about the consequences and impact of these proposed changes from the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), as well as consult the sector before submitting feedback to the ABCB,” said Chiang Lim, CEO of the Australian Childcare Services (ACA) NSW.

Public comment submissions must be received by the ABCB no later than 11.59 pm, Friday, 11 October 2019, using their consultation form.

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Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) NSW (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.

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