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NSW DEPUTY PREMIER PRUE CAR TO WASTE UP TO $1.5 BILLION AND HER BROKEN PROMISES REVEALED

The NSW Labor Government's announcement on 14 November 2026 to produce 8,000 new places by building 100 new long daycare services has been exposed as a waste of up to $1.5 billion because 29,433 new places are already in development.

According to the Daily Telegraph, the first 23 identified suburbs already have 373 development applications either approved or under consideration for 29,433 new places. This is in addition to the existing 31,020 places across 503 existing long daycare services in those same 23 identified suburbs.

"The lived experience especially in metropolitan areas is that there is already oversupply. So how can NSW Deputy Premier Car get her analyses and forecasts so wrong?" asks Chiang Lim, CEO of the Australian Childcare Alliance NSW. (NOTE: The ACCC has confirmed that oversupply exists and can increase fees by 40% or more.)

Based on the NSW Labor Government's 100 new preschools to be built and operational by March 2027, the cost per place has been calculated to cost taxpayers up to $192,325 per place.

With 29,433 new places already in the pipeline for just those 23 identified suburbs, far in excess of the 8,000 in total planned by the NSW Labor Government, Mr Lim said, "the sector can think of far faster, cheaper and more effective ways of using $1.5 billion of taxpayer funds, including fast tracking NSW's planning and development processes, and even subsidising the ever-increasing building costs and red tape."

This NSW Labor Government's announcement was made while over 3,730 long daycare services across New South Wales are still reeling from significant funding reductions as well as up to 1,000% increases in fees imposed by the same NSW Government.

"Despite Deputy Premier Car's promises before the last election in 2023, there have been no proper consultation with the sector to avoid unintended consequences, they are and they will place new public long daycare services that will have negative impact on existing services, and they are not really assisting existing long daycare services to deliver more preschool programs," said Mr Lim.

Video of promises made before the last state election by the now Deputy Premier, the Hon Prue Car MP, has been re-released.

"Without genuine and effective cooperation and collaboration, the quality, fee affordability and supply of NSW's early childhood education and care will continue to be at risk," said Mr Lim.

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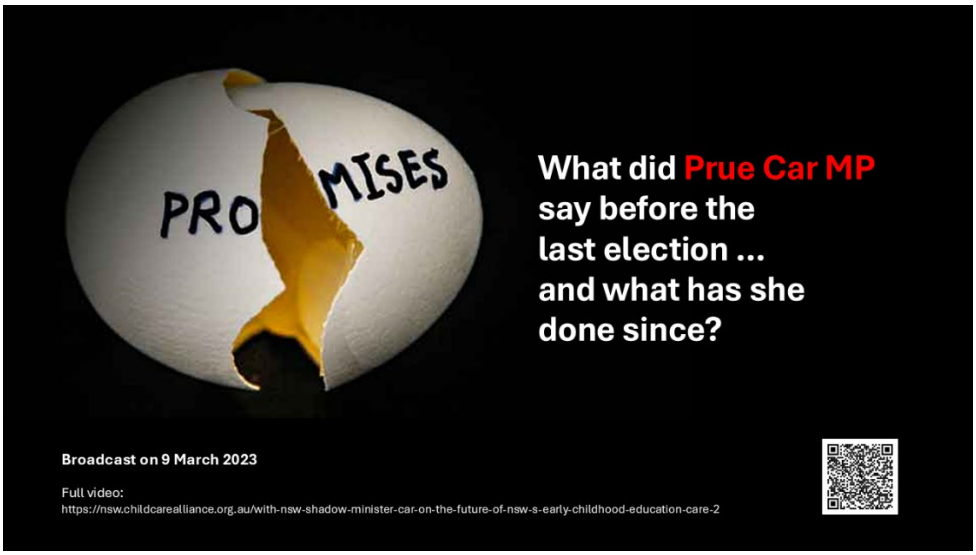
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Area	#LDCs	#places	#children	Chidlren/place	Fee	DAs	Future places	#Preschools	#places	Children/place
Googong	3	365	340	0.93	$170-$189	-	-	0	-	-
Menangle Park	1	50	52	0.96	$185-$185	5	519	0	-	-
Austral	24	1,984	2,464	1.24	$107-$190	39	3,868	1	30	1.00
Bella Vista	45	3,293	4,306	1.32	$120-$215	31	2,257	2	92	1.62
Chisholm	11	934	1,391	1.49	$140-$186	3	216	0	-	-
Cooranbong	4	332	514	1.55	$140-$166	3	273	1	34	1.70
Rhodes	44	3,059	4,806	1.57	$107-$212	17	1,106	5	259	1.73
Leppington	27	2,307	3,635	1.58	$120-$184	27	2,769	1	30	1.84
North Rothbury	3	352	572	1.63	$135-$172	3	197	1	70	1.59
Orchard Hills	33	2,036	3,320	1.63	$100-$191	11	975	3	105	1.86
Muswellbrook	6	404	746	1.85	$129-$165	6	558	1	120	1.68
Grantham Farm	27	2,121	4,169	1.97	$137-$205	55	4,309	1	40	2.30
Ermington	69	3,651	7,275	1.99	$107-$221	33	2,543	7	190	2.28
Cessnock	9	582	1,309	2.25	$88-$172	5	204	2	69	2.40
Inverell	5	269	661	2.46	$83-$181	2	45	3	130	1.95
Cobbitty	2	212	573	2.70	$189-$199	4	317	0	-	-
Chester Hill	73	3,287	9,511	2.89	$75-$171	57	4,021	13	410	3.09
Bankstown	101	4,210	12,701	3.02	$80-$194	53	3,337	12	398	3.30
Eden	1	39	142	3.64	$130-$130	0	0	0	-	-
Marsden Park	8	763	3,132	4.10	$154-$190	11	1,151	0	-	-
Oran Park	7	770	3,673	4.77	$162-$189	8	768	0	-	-
Calderwood	0	-	296	-	-	-	-	1	44	7.56
TOTAL	503	31,020	65,588			373	29,433	54	2,021	



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