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Michael Farrell
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Dear Mr Farrell

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Andrew Paterson, CEO of Family Day Care Australia (FDCA), regarding election policy commitments for the Family Day Care (FDC) sector. We welcome the assistance it will provide your members in casting their vote at the upcoming Federal Election.

Labor has committed to building a universal early childhood education and care (ECEC) system, that is simple, affordable and accessible for every family. That's why we have announced significant reforms, such as our \$1 billion Building Early Education Fund, a guaranteed three days of subsidised early learning, and a 15% pay rise for ECEC workers.

We see Family Day Care (FDC) as a critical part of the ECEC sector. We recognise that FDC often provides ECEC in areas with limited access, including in rural and regional areas, and also to families who may be experiencing vulnerability, such as those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. A returned Albanese Labor Government will continue working with our stakeholders, including FDCA and the broader sector, to achieve our vision for a universal ECEC system.

Importantly, this will include further work to:

- consider how the Worker Retention Payment can be extended to the FDC sector, informed by the dandolopartners report that we commissioned
- consider how FDC providers can access the Building Early Education Fund to establish in-venue care services
- gaining further insights regarding the cost of delivering FDC through the Service Delivery Price work and
- considering the outcomes of the FDC trial to inform future policies, including about strategies to ensure a strong and stable FDC workforce.

Labor is the only party in a position to deliver the next steps towards a universal ECEC system. But our progress is at risk if Peter Dutton becomes the Prime Minister.

Thank you again for your correspondence, and FDCA's advocacy and support.

Yours Sincerely

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