

MEDIA RELEASE

COALITION POLICY MISSES MOST OF ACCS ELECTION PLATFORM

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The Coalition has replied to our request for a response to the ACCS Federal Election Platform. In it, they formally acknowledge their appreciation of ACCS's contribution to the development of policy on child care. In particular they acknowledge our participation in the Productivity Commission Inquiry, the Regulatory Impact Statement and other consultations and say that 'we are grateful for your ongoing insights and input.'

'It has been particularly worthwhile having Prue Warrilow represent ACCS on the Ministerial Advisory Council...'

Click on the link below to read the full response and see the match to our policy proposal to maintain the minimum two days per week of subsidised care for non-working families and a partial response to our call for building of a skilled and professional early childhood workforce.

<http://ausccs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Coalition-response-to-ACCS-platform.pdf>

The Coalition has partially met our proposals for increased subsidies for low income and vulnerable families, but does not commit to a minimum of two days per week of subsidised early childhood education and care, waiving of fees for early childhood qualifications, or for ensuring no children are held in detention in Australia or off-shore.

ACCS calls on its members across Australia to distribute the response from the Coalition to families in their communities – to inform their vote on 2 July.

The full score card, assessing the policies of all the major parties against the ACCS election policies is now available on the ACCS website.