

**INQUIRY INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND
CARE SECTOR IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Hi, the system is broken and needs a complete overhaul. There are too many fingers in the pie and you are sending businesses to the wall.

1. CCS - the system is flawed and biased towards people who do minimal or zero work. These people should not be getting subsidised childcare at all. I understand this is a federal issue.

2. Start Strong Funding (NSW) - This imposes more work on centre staff. This would have been better off being a payment directly to families rather than have admin staff handle this. It actually would have been better off if we didn't have this scheme and my tax dollars were put to better use like reducing stamp duty, reducing payroll tax etc

3. ECEC Retention - Good lord, you could not have come up with a more convoluted system if you tried. All that had to be done was to legislate to increase the hourly CCS cap rate and an increase pay rates. Instead we were overloaded with all sort of legal paperwork to negotiate. The scheme was rushed in an attempt to buy votes at the upcoming election. As seems to always be the case with the current government, talk first, pass the buck to private industry and damn the consequences. No wonder less than 20% of centres have signed up for the scheme. There is nothing you can do to change my mind about signing up for this scheme,.

4. Overall - To paraphrase Ronald Reagan, the worst words you can hear are: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help".