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Burden of care felt by mothers where childcare is insufficient impacts career progression, superannuation, dependence & gender imbalances. There is poor pay for the educators. And there is such long wait lists with the lack of centres and available hours. Unnecessary added stress to parenting with the 'primary caregiver' label thrown around, leaving it up to that person alone to navigate centrelink and childcare systems. Raising a child is not healthy for anyone when it unnaturally lands on one primary caregiver. Childcare is impossibly expensive, it should be fully subsided.