

17209 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions

We've just moved from Canberra to Wollongong so haven't been on any waiting lists earlier. We moved in December 2022, and have been on waiting lists since then. Our daughter was born January 2022. We are competing with people that have been on waiting lists since before their child was born, and they are still waiting for adequate childcare as well.

My wife is ready to get back to work, and her work is ready for her to get back. Luckily, they are currently flexible with when she gets back. However, our quality of life significantly suffers until she can get back to work. This all hinges on getting a place in childcare first, so this is our major blocker for most things here.

Additionally, we feel like if we get a place, the difficulty in getting a post is so high that we will just have to accept any position we get, regardless of the quality of the fit of the service to us.

I think the funding for this is inadequate, and shows lack of care and priority at any level of government for this.