



Jay Weatherill
Thrive By Five

Via email

26 August 2024

Dear Jay,

The Parenthood's endorsement of Make It Law

The Parenthood is pleased to express strong support for Thrive By Five's Make it Law campaign. An Early Childhood Guarantee, that includes flexible and adequate paid parental leave, universal and free access to maternal and child health care, three days of quality early childhood education and care per week for every child at a capped cost of \$10 a day, and additional days for those who need it at minimal cost, would prove transformative for children, families, communities and our nation.

It would meaningfully accelerate progress towards The Parenthood's strategic objective of making Australia the best place in the world to be a parent and raise a child. Investing in evidence-based best practice policies and infrastructure to enable children to thrive in the formative early years is astute social and economic policy. By implementing a high-quality early childhood development system, in which every child is entitled to access early childhood education and care, we will provide our youngest citizens with the foundations they need for a successful and fulfilling life.

We support the establishment of a joint statutory body between the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments, to oversee the implementation of the high-quality, universally accessible early childhood development system and the early childhood entitlement. We agree this body should work to clarify and negotiate the roles and responsibilities of the Commonwealth and State Governments, and ensure consistent universal access to preschool across all jurisdictions.

Finally, we agree that a 10-year timeline for delivering this system is essential to ensure that progress is made in a timely manner. By setting a clear deadline, we can hold governments accountable and ensure that the needs of our youngest citizens are met.

The Parenthood is committed to working with Thrive By Five and other stakeholders to help make this vision a reality. We believe that by investing in our young children and their families, we are investing in the future of our nation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georgie Dent', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Georgie Dent

CEO

The Parenthood