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Mr Brent Stokes  
CEO  
Via email: [ceo.qld@childcarealliance.org.au](mailto:ceo.qld@childcarealliance.org.au)

Dear Mr Stokes,

**Re: ACA Queensland state election manifesto**

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2020, setting out the Australian Childcare Alliance's Queensland state election manifesto 2020.

It's clear that the Alliance does incredibly important work on behalf of the early childhood sector.

The Queensland Greens expect to announce our early childhood policy shortly. [Here](#) is our announcement from the last state election for reference, calling for a \$5.4 billion investment into the sector, over 5 years, to provide universal free childcare for all children - at least three days a week for three- and four-year-olds, and one day per week for two-year-olds. The Australian Greens' policy is [here](#).

As a spokesperson for the Greens and their only MP in the current Queensland parliament, I am happy to address the priorities set out in your letter, under corresponding headings.

**1. Ensure KindyLinQ includes all early learning (centre-based, long day care) services**

The Greens would support the extension of KindyLinQ, or similar funding programs, to include all early childhood education and care services on the basis of equity across all sectors of the community, including vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

**2. State government to fund any potential Commonwealth shortfall with respect to universal access funding**

The Greens want to see all four-year-old children able to access a quality kindergarten or preschool program, regardless of the type of early childhood education and care they are enrolled in. Given the flow-on benefits to these children's families and the sector, the state should fund any shortfall arising from Commonwealth funding decisions to ensure this.

**3. State government to commit to 'location rules/demonstrable need' for early childhood education and care services**

The Greens would support the co-design of 'location rules' between the early childhood education and care sector, and the state government, to be overseen by a government-appointed independent

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arbitrator to ensure that the placement of early childhood services is dictated by community need, not the profit motive.

#### **4. Permanent payroll tax relief**

The Greens support the abolition of payroll tax across the board, in line with our [taxation and revenue policy](#), and can see the enormous community value in doing so in the early childhood sector, on the basis of its benefit to families and the community.

I wish you all the best in your campaigning this year, and I hope that this information is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 07 3737 4100 if you would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Kind regards,



Michael Berkman MP