

# Turning the tide on private profit-focused provision in early childhood education <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Abstract

The article analyses a market-based approach to early childhood education (ECE) provision and the growth of for-profit ECE provision, evidence about 'quality' and accessibility, and problems occurring when a need for private profit conflicts with the best interests of families and children. The issue of for-profit provision is set within the context of international developments and solutions in Europe, UK, US and Canada. Immediate steps that might be taken for a democratic system of community-based and public early childhood education in Aotearoa New Zealand are pinpointed. Overall, the article offers possibilities for asserting democratic values as a way towards alternatives in Aotearoa New Zealand's early childhood education provision.

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