

Government urged to lift child care aid [AU] ^[1]

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Child care workers are again calling for government assistance to the sector, irrespective of today's outcome from an Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) hearing.

The IRC will hear the final submissions on classification structures for about 18,000 child care workers in the ACT and Victoria.

The Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union believes the pay rise for key professional levels will be between \$60 and \$80 a week.

However, the union's assistant secretary, Jo-Anne Schofield, is concerned that any rise will be passed on through increased fees.

"We're saying to the Government that we want to ensure that parents don't have to have their fees increase as a result of this industrial decision," she said.

"The Government should step in and fund services so they can increase the wages of their workers without having to put fees up."

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