

# What the proposed child care changes mean [AU] <sup>[1]</sup>

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## EXCERPTS

\* **What is the Minister promising?**

To axe the cap on child care places provided by outside school hours and family day care services.

\* **What does it mean?**

Losing the cap will allow the creation of new services and the expansion of existing ones.

\* **Why has the Federal Government restricted these places, given the shortage of childcare?**

Because it has wanted to keep a lid on the child care benefit, paid to all parents whose children attend accredited child care.

\* **What is outside school hours care?**

Child care provided before and after school for parents who have to start work before school begins or who don't knock off until after the lessons finish.

\* **What is vacation care?**

Child care, often in the form of excursions, for pupils whose parents have to work during school holidays.

\* **Who provides outside school hours and vacation care?**

Community and church groups, as well as private operators.

\* **What is family day care?**

Child care provided in a carer's home about 90,000 children use this form of childcare. Numbers are limited to seven children in each home, only four of whom can be under school age.

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