

Childcare and early childhood learning: Australian Productivity Commission draft report ^[1]

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Background:

Australia is in the midst of a government inquiry into early childhood education and care. The Productivity Commission, the Australian Government's independent research and advisory body, is holding an inquiry "to examine and identify future options for a child care and early childhood learning system". The Commission has produced a draft report, and the public have been invited to make written submissions and to participate in further public hearings. The final report is scheduled for release in October 2014.

- The draft report, summary and video are available on the Productivity Commission website. ^[2]

There has been a lot of reaction to the draft report's wide-ranging recommendations. The following are selection of the many media articles on the inquiry and its report.

- PC logic: Let market solve childcare market failure ^[3], Eva Cox, The Conversation, 29 July 2014
- Childcare benefit v paid parental leave: productivity commission has a winner ^[4], Guardian, 24 July 2014
- Good results for early learning, but the devil is in the detail ^[5], The Conversation, 22 July 2014
- Union slams childcare report ^[6], SBS, 22 July 2014
- Why women should have their paid parental leave scheme, and their childcare too ^[7], Daily Telegraph, 22 July 2014
- Abbott warned against "turbo-charging" "murky" childcare ^[8], Queensland Times, 22 July 2014
- Call for paid childcare for 'qualified' grandparents: productivity commission ^[9], Sydney Morning Herald, 22 July 2014
- Childcare reforms must not come at expense of quality: policy expert ^[10], Health Canal, 22 July 2014

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