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Supporting children to Thrive by Five

Key players in the Early Childhood Education & Care sector join forces to advocate for children's early learning.

The Childcare Leadership Alliance (CLA) is very proud to be among 30 organisations endorsing The Queensland Thrive By Five Alliance Action Plan which includes:

- Universal access to kindergarten for all children aged three and four;
- A holistic early childhood system that supports child developmental outcomes from birth to school;
- A workforce strategy to attract and retain the best teachers, educators and experts in Queensland;
- Nationally consistent implementation of the National Quality Framework to ensure high quality services;
- Local solutions that are connected to communities; and
- Strong, sector-supported advocacy at national cabinet.

Speaking about the CLA's support of The Queensland Thrive By Five Alliance Action Plan, CLA Board Chair, Melissa Westcott shared, **"We strongly support The Thrive by Five Action Plan as it aligns with our mission and addresses some of the childcare challenges we face in our regional communities. We are testament to two of the points in the Action Plan - having a workforce strategy to attract and retain early learning educators and teachers and having local solutions connected to communities."**

The CLA has been formed to initially work with two pilot towns in the Isaac Regional Council area to develop and trial strategic and innovative solutions that will empower early childhood and school age care providers to attract, retain, and upskill educators. This work requires a whole-of-community approach, and collaboration with all groups in the community, including the Isaac Regional Council, mining operators, educators, centre managers, parents and families, schools, and community groups, to help design and implement long-term, sustainable solutions.

"The Childcare Leadership Alliance welcomes Thrive by Five's action plan and we encourage all members of government to support this plan," added Melissa Comerford, Project Manager of the CLA. **"We also welcome any minister, shadow minister or government representative to reach out and connect with us so we can work collaboratively together to address the issues and inequalities being faced by families in regional Queensland in relation to accessing stable early years education and care services."**

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