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The Hon Dan Tehan  
Chair  
Education Council  
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Dear Minister

Thank you for the Letter of Expectation signed by Minister Gardner outlining the priorities and expectations of the Education Council for the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) to 30 June 2020.

We are pleased to have met the expectations of Council under the previous Letter of Expectation and thank the Council for acknowledging ACECQA's efforts. Thank you also for providing us with an opportunity to consider a draft of Council's new Letter of Expectation.

We welcome the opportunity to deliver against the seven strategic directions outlined in the Letter of Expectation through our new forward Work Plan. ACECQA has a number of initiatives and projects in progress which align with these strategic directions. The Board will also take the opportunity in early 2019 to refresh its Strategic Plan in line with Council's updated strategic directions.

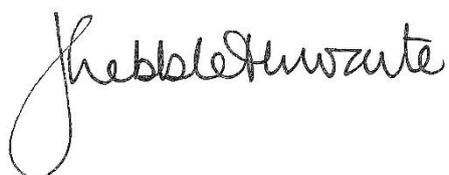
In 2019 and 2020, we look forward to continuing to demonstrate to Education Council and governments how we are delivering services effectively, efficiently and within budget while also identifying new opportunities to support regulatory authorities, services and families. In particular, the 2019 Review of ACECQA will provide an opportunity to demonstrate ACECQA's critical role and value in enhancing the national system, supporting regulatory authorities and improving quality for children in education and care services across all jurisdictions beyond 2020.

We acknowledge the support and commitment to the National Quality Framework (NQF) represented by the Australian Government's extension of its funding of ACECQA until June 2020. The new funding agreement with the Australian Government provides ACECQA with the majority of funding for its core national services. ACECQA will continue to deliver our legislated functions, work plan and report to Council based on the Letter of Expectation and the National Law. As requested in the Letter, we look forward to seeking additional opportunities for commissioned work to grow the services provided to our stakeholders consistent with the National Law and Council's strategic priorities.

We have commenced a work plan and budget for submission to Council by April 2019, detailing the work ACECQA will undertake to meet the priorities and expectations outlined by Council.

We look forward to working with our many sector stakeholders to guide, support and enhance the NQF for the children and families of Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judy Hebblethwaite". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Judy Hebblethwaite  
ACECQA Board Chair