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Dear Margaret and Pam

I am writing to thank you for your personal support of the National Quality Agenda for early childhood education and child care, and more broadly the support of Early Childhood Australia.

Without the hard work and advocacy of Early Childhood Australia over a number of years, I don't believe we would have achieved the important quality reforms that the Council of Australian Governments agreed to on the 7 December 2009.

In particular can I thank Early Childhood Australia for organising the 'Hands up for Quality' campaign, and coordinating the thousands of emails from the community, parents and child care professionals urging all Governments to adopt quality improvements.

This demonstration of community support played an important role in convincing all Australian Governments of the value of quality changes.

I look forward to working with Early Childhood Australia to implement these important reforms in the coming years, and to continue to improve early childhood education and care so we can give all Australian children the best start to life.

Yours sincerely

Kate Ellis

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