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A voice for young children

**OUR  
VISION:  
EVERY  
YOUNG  
CHILD IS  
THRIVING  
AND  
LEARNING**

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Friday 16 February, 2024

### **ECA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN**

Early Childhood Australia (ECA) would like to congratulate the Federal Government announcement that a new position of a National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children.

This is a position that has long been supported by ECA and we would like to celebrate the advocacy efforts of SNAICC in making this happen.

ECA understands the Commissioner will oversee the safety, wellbeing and human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and work in a cross-sectoral way to understand all the systems these children and families intersect with.

As the peak advocacy body for children from birth to eight years, their families and early childhood professionals, ECA invites the new Commissioner to engage with us early. We would like to collaborate and work together collegially on matters particularly involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children but also more broadly, acknowledging that everyone has a role to play in supporting every child to reach their full potential.

ECA will formally acknowledge the appointment of the Commissioner at our upcoming [Reconciliation Symposium](#) held in Canberra (Ngunnawal Country) on 3-4 May, 2024. This Symposium brings together early childhood educators, policy architects and Aboriginal leaders and experts together to engage in dialogue and helps make reconciliation an action, not just a statement.

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