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ECA CONGRATULATES THE NEWLY ELECTED CLP GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Early Childhood Australia (ECA) congratulates the Country Liberal Party (CLP) on its success in the NT Election, under the leadership of the new Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro.

The ECA NT Committee Chair, Liz Chick, said it was promising to hear the incoming Chief Minister *Lia Finocchiaro speak of the unique and lifelong benefits of a good childhood, including the outdoor learning opportunities that can be enriching for children in the NT.*

Earlier this year, ECA met with the three major parties (CLP, Territory Labor and NT Greens) to inform their policy development and priorities relevant to young children. This was followed on by a well-attended Pre-Election Forum, where each candidate spoke of their policies and commitments, particularly in the priority areas of workforce, access and inclusion.

ECA CEO, Sam Page, said "*we look forward to working with the new CLP Government to promote the rights and wellbeing of young children across the Northern Territory, including the importance of access to high quality early childhood education and care, leveraging our extensive relationships across the early childhood sector and communities.*"

We also want to recognise the track record of the outgoing Territory Labor Government, led by former Chief Minister Eva Lawler and NT Education Minister Mark Monaghan, both of whom demonstrated a commitment to the early years and the work of early childhood teachers and educators.

As the national peak body for young children, ECA works closely with all parties nationally and locally, with an active NT Committee and a National Board of Directors. The NT Committee is a vibrant and active group of professionals, from diverse backgrounds committed to positive outcomes for young children.

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