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Early Childhood Education



CHAPTER BRIEFING No. 1

Dear Colleagues

The Australian Community Services Employers Association (ACSEA) is failing employees who are employed in the early childhood education sector.

ACSEA misleads committees and others

The recent letter, dated 13 February 2009, from ACSEA contains a statement which is blatantly untrue.

ACSEA stated that “the AIRC hopes to achieve one federal children’s industry award”. This is totally inaccurate. The AIRC has not, as at the date of this briefing, commenced its consideration of award coverage for early childhood education or child care.

ACSEA is doing the early childhood education industry a disservice by creating the impression that it is a foregone conclusion that you will be included in the same award as childcare centres.

ACSEA delays Collective Bargaining negotiations

QIEU, on behalf of employees in early childhood education, had recommenced the collective bargaining process.

Members may be aware that a further wage increase for state school teachers may occur around May of this year. Consequently, any delays to our negotiations could have negative repercussions.

ACSEA cancelled the last scheduled negotiations on the basis of ill health. However, they have subsequently declined to set another date.

ACSEA is justifying their position on the basis of a request for QIEU’s proposal in relation to rates of pay for assistants.

QIEU provided such a proposal to ACSEA 18 months ago. However, they seem to have either forgotten or lost that information.

Members to express their opinion

QIEU asks members in early childhood education to consider, and if appropriate endorse, the attached resolutions. Such resolutions should then be returned to QIEU.

Kind Regards

John Spriggs
Senior Industrial Officer

Attach



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CHAPTER FAXBACK

4 March 2009

RESOLUTION

Australian Community Services Employers Association (ACSEA) is failing employees employed in the early childhood sector

Members employed at

(Name of Centre)

condemn the Australian Community Services Employers Association (ACSEA) for its inaccurate and misleading statements in its letter dated 13 February 2009.

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED

Members employed at:

(Name of Centre)

call on ACSEA to oppose the inclusion of community kindergartens in the same Award which covers childcare centres.

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED

Members and employees employed at:

(Name of Centre)

call on ACSEA to return to the negotiating table so that the conclusion of an Agreement covering early childhood education is not unnecessarily delayed.

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