

Tell the Government to scrap its recommended changes for early childhood education (ECE)!

Every child deserves quality early childhood education. However, for years the sector has been in crisis — serious teacher shortages, unmanageable workloads, and teacher-to-child ratios that mean tamariki can't get the quality teaching time they deserve.

Instead of solving these issues, the Government is now recommending changes as part of its ECE Regulatory Review that prioritise profit over quality ECE:

- **Undermining qualification requirements** for teachers.
- **Changing or removing up to 74% of ECE licensing criteria**, including scrapping safety measures like immunisation record requirements, water temperature safety valves, emergency evacuation meeting points, and a separate toilet for adults.
- **Removing requirements that ensure quality teaching practices** as part of our world-leading curriculum, Te Whāriki.
- **Removing requirements to honour Te Tiriti** and acknowledge Māori as tangata whenua.
- **Removing requirements for regular updates and whānau input** into children's learning.
- **Removing requirements for ECE centres** to do long-term planning and regular quality reviews.

We believe these changes will lower the quality of early education for tamariki, put their safety and wellbeing at risk, and potentially affect their learning for decades to come.



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