

CELA'S SIMPLE GUIDE TO THE NSW ELECTION

WHAT THE MAJOR PARTIES ARE PROMISING—
WITH AN ECEC SPOTLIGHT



LIBERAL/NATIONAL COALITION



- \$15.4b Early Years Commitment to be implemented over the next decade including:
 - 500 new preschools to be built in the next term, with the aim of 100,000 places available each year for children to attend preschool 5 days per week.
 - Roll out of the Brighter Beginnings Affordable Preschool initiative to make preschool open to all families by including the long day-care sector in the program, saving families up to \$4,220 per year.
 - Creation of an additional 47,000 ongoing and affordable childcare places through the \$5 billion Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund.
- Offering an accelerated degree so early childhood educators can gain a bachelor degree in 2 years instead of 4.
- Cap commuters' Opal card public transport costs at \$40 a week rather than \$50. Concession card holders will pay no more than \$20 a week.

Note: The current NSW government is a minority Liberal government, holding 46 out of 93 seats.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY



- 100 new preschools alongside government schools and 50 new or expanded preschools attached to non-government schools.
- \$9 million in scholarships — up to \$25,000 scholarships for early childhood educators to upskill to both bachelor degrees and diplomas. Under the program, students will be able to stay in the workforce while they learn and receive financial support to assist with course fees, study materials and other expenses.
- \$10 million Professional Development Fund — offering paid professional development leave to early childhood workforce, regardless of qualification.
- \$3 million for a new study into childhood delivery models, to improve the availability and efficacy of early childhood education.

Note: Labor would need a swing of 6.3% to win outright, or 3.3% to win five seats and the chance to form a minority government with support from the Greens. If Labour wins, it will likely be a minority government with support from the Greens.

THE GREENS



- Ensure free and universal preschool by 2030.
- Deliver 100 new government pre-schools in the next 3 years.
- Increase before and after school care and remove privatisation incentives.
- Scrap the public sector wage cap, which disproportionately affects highly feminised industries like teaching, nursing and early childhood education.
- Provide a Universal Wellbeing Payment of \$615 per week which would be granted to all NSW residents aged 16 and over.
- Provide free public transport.

Note: The Greens are a minority party and will not be able to form government on their own. They are more likely to influence policy through the Senate.

Read about our member pre-election meeting with Minister for Education and Early Learning, Sarah Mitchell:

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