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National Regulations Welcomed

Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV) welcomed the release of the new Education and Care Services National Regulations today. The new regulations will support the introduction of a National Quality Framework for early childhood services in Australia.

“We congratulate Minister Wendy Lovell for her leadership during this world-leading reform process” said Emma King, CEO of KPV.

There is strong research evidence which shows that quality in early childhood services is important to achieve good long-term outcomes for children. Careful attention to child/staff ratios, and programs delivered by qualified and trained staff are known to be fundamental for these outcomes to be achieved.

“The new regulations respond to the compelling evidence base on the benefits of a quality framework, and address these critical foundations of a quality early childhood program”, Ms King said.

“Services which are implementing quality standards for the first time will require adequate time to understand the regulations and comply with the quality standards, and we hope that the government has allowed for a staged implementation of the reforms” said Ms King.

KPV’s key message to both the Federal and State governments is that the introduction of the National Quality Framework, as welcome as it is, signals a huge change for the way services have been operating for a long time in the early childhood services sector. In the initial years, services need to be supported appropriately with the implementation of the standards.

We have this rare moment in history where there is congruence – a world class quality framework, commitment from both levels of government to promoting quality in early childhood services, and a sector that is ready to embrace this reform.

“We have to grab this rare opportunity with both hands and ensure that services involved in this change process are set up to succeed. The sector is looking to Minister Lovell for her continued support and leadership as Victoria leads the way in implementing the reforms” Ms King said.

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Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV) is the peak organisation and employer body promoting the voice of parents in quality early childhood education for Victorian children, representing over 1200 early childhood education and care providers serving more than 200,000 Victorian children and families each year.