



Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

Advocating for equitable access to education for students in rural and remote Australia

MEDIA RELEASE

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Remote Child Care Gets A Boost



LtoR - Immediate Past President Wendy Hick, Assistant Secretary Kate Thompson, Minister for Education Dan Tehan and Federal President Alana Moller met during delegations in Canberra on 17 October, 2019.

ICPA (Aust) welcomes the announcement today from the Minister for Education, Hon Dan Tehan MP that the In Home Care (IHC) transitional provisions for remote families will be extended for two years until 31 December 2021.

Federal Council is immensely grateful for this decision which comes following requests from ICPA (Aust) for this to be considered due to the ongoing issues associated with sourcing educators in remote areas.

ICPA Federal President, Alana Moller said, "It is pleasing to see that as a result of ICPA Australia's representations to the Minister and his staff, the challenges for our geographically isolated families have been recognised. Access to child care in rural and remote Australia is a major concern for ICPA members and to extend the transitional provisions for IHC educators to earn their qualifications shows that the Federal Government have listened to suggestions made during our discussions."

ICPA (Aust) acknowledges Minister Tehan's support of rural and remote families and will continue to work with his office to ensure that the concerns of our members are considered during future decision making.

Minister Tehan's media release can viewed [here](#).

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