

INCREASE COMMUNITY CHILD CARE FUND

REGIONAL CHILDCARE CENTRES ARE VITAL FOR RURAL FAMILIES AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION, BUT THEY FACE UNIQUE CHALLENGES THREATENING THEIR SUSTAINABILITY AND ABILITY TO MEET GROWING NEEDS.

GROWING COMMUNITIES NEED INCREASED CHILD CARE FUNDING

Over 800 regional childcare centres applied for funding, but only 400 successful applications were supported, highlighting a significant gap in resources.

We are urging the Federal Government to increase funding to support these centres, which are in clear need of financial assistance to remain viable.

The sustainability of many centres hinges on just a few thousand dollars, yet the current capped funding model falls short of addressing this critical issue.

To truly meet the needs of regional communities, the government must bolster funding and expand the number of supported placements.

THIS IS ONE SOLUTION TO THE FOUR CHALLENGES THE INDUSTRY FACES

WORKFORCE SHORTAGES

HIGHER OPERATIONAL COSTS

LIMITED RESOURCES

COMMUNITY STRAIN



ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL'S INVESTMENT

8 childcare centres

17 communities

7 operating in Council-owned facilities under concessional leases.

OUR COMMITMENT

We provide **\$455,000** annually on discounted leases.

Council's FY25 budget allocated **\$1.6 million** to cover maintenance and facility upgrades

“**Supporting vital services like child care strengthens regional Australia.**”