

SECTOR BARGAINING IN THE CARE SECTOR: CHALLENGES FROM THE GROUND

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FROM DUSTING SHELVES TO HELPING SOMEONE DIE...



THE NUMBERS GAME

- \$23 an hour
- 97% in LDC, 90% in Aged Care, 70% in disability
- Over 2700 residential aged care homes and 845 providers
- 16,227 early learning services & only 66 providers operate more than 25 services
- 64% of LDC are for profit
- 150,000+ educators, 250,000+ aged care workers

WHERE DOES ALL THE \$\$\$\$ GO?





WHAT ENTERPRISE BARGAINING DO WE DO?





Goodstart Board, we deserve:









SPECIAL MEASURES AS FAILURES? POLITICAL ROADBLOCKS?





WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

- 1. The Government (funder) sits at the bargaining table
- 2. Better regulation, accountability and transparency of providers or public provision?
- 3. Real cultural change?
- 4. Sector bargaining/specific care sector bargaining