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CHANGE REQUIRED PLEASE I have been a Preschool Teaching Director for 25 years and worked in a community-owned stand-alone, not-for-profit preschool. During this time, I have had to encounter numerous funding programs and models, approximately 13! As a professional leading and guiding a voluntary committee (often parents & community members) the changes have been exhausting, onerous, forever changing and over complicated for all. Many of our voluntary committee members cannot fathom the early education and care world of funding! It takes a significant amount of time, consultation and effort to keep up to date with the numerous changes. The delivery period of the funding worked on the financial year whereas most preschools worked on the calendar year. This was always hard to navigate and explain to our committee. The NSW government plans to make changes around this, but I do ask why it has taken 25+ years to make this simple yet very helpful change. The actual timing of funding changes/updates is atrocious. All governments leave it to the death knock and advise services mid-term 4. The NSW government has been advised by our peak bodies and the sector itself, that the timing of new funding releases during term 4 is irresponsible and disrespectful towards the services who are implementing the education and care programs and operating not-for-profit businesses. Is this feedback not getting back to the Ministers??? The latest guidelines that were released on 10th October are complex, poorly written, and difficult to navigate and administer - take a look yourself. We are still waiting for the extra's (the bit and pieces) such as the calculator to be updated. I would like the IPART review to ensure the funding, and the administrative processes that go with it are simplified and streamlined. The Department and politicians have created a bureaucratic nightmare. Creating new roles and sub-departments to keep themselves in jobs. Please STOP changing the funding.