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**CHILD CARE CENTRES
ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.**

EDITORIAL

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The CCCAV welcomes the commitment of the new Federal Government to govern for all Australians and continue to pursue sound economic management.

The CCCAV congratulates Mr Rudd on his win and urges the Government to now move to put the many initiatives announced during the election campaign into a detailed action plan that will deliver improved outcomes for children, families and the general community, not only through better designed childcare legislation, but also by finding more ways to boost affordability for families.

To achieve this, the CCCAV believes it is essential that the government's vision is translated into a clear action plan that addresses immediate priorities as well as focusing on long-term reform.

We believe that the key reform priorities remain:

- Find more ways to help more children and families to get more access to childcare centres.
- Sensible legislation which assures childcare affordability for Australian families.
- Better designed childcare legislation.
- To help Australians understand that childcare centres are about productivity as well as workforce participation.
- A nationally coordinated planning system to guide the proposed establishment of additional childcare centres.
- Tackling our dysfunctional system of federal / state relations head on.
- Assist small business investment and activity through comprehensive tax reform, reducing red tape and involving small business in discussions on industrial relations.

The CCCAV looks forward to working with the new Government to continue to achieve better outcomes for the sector and the Victorian families it serves.

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