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Your submission for this review:

We are a not-for-profit organisation who operates 3 small single unit preschools and 1 long day care centre. We are struggling with the constant (yearly changes) to the funding models for preschools as well as the late delivery of information to services. We have only just been advised that there are changes again this year to the Start Strong Funding and have been advised that there are major changes to the SEIFA bands. While this in itself is very much needing to take place, services need information to be provided in a timely manner. It is now the 1st of November and we have not been officially advised of what our new SEIFA bands for each service will be. This means that our Accounts Manager, Area Manager and Centre Directors are unable to accurately set budgets and fees. Our centre Directors cannot therefore let current or new families know what the costs will be. Our centres are currently enrolling children for next year and this lack of timely information creates pressure for both centre management and families. We need a complete overhaul of the way Early Childhood Education is funded and there needs to be consistency year to year. The current system does not work. It creates unnecessary administrative burdens on services and creates uncertainty for centre operations and also for families.