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The Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 restricts council's power to require Centre-based Child Centres to comply with many local government standards and will result in oversized, inappropriate child centres in residential areas.

Although there are some design requirements in the draft legislation, its purpose is to loosen local government controls over new child centres and so it is bad news for residents and is basically a further cog in the wheel of interlocking recent legislation designed to crush the power of councils to protect their residents' environment and instead give more power to the Liberal Party's developer mates.

It places speed above a fair outcome. The reason it takes time for child centre DAs to be finalised is that councils deal with them thoroughly and consider residents' views. Developers think only of a quick buck and parents who intend using them, the vast majority of whom live well away from the centre, think only of their own convenience.

It is illogical as well as unfair that s 24 of the draft prevents a development control plan to address demonstrated need or demand for child care services or proximity to other early childhood education and care facilities.

The proposals should be withdrawn.

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