

RESPONSE TO CONSTITUENT

ASKED BY: Ms Rosalie Woodruff MP

ANSWERED BY: Minister for Education

QUESTION:

On behalf of locals on Bruny that I met with last week, they have talked about their great pleasure and joy to have finally EL3 happening at the Bruny local school. They have waited since the 2022 announcement from the government for the EL3 trial to commence. It has been running now for a year and is an outstanding success and shows why it has to be continued.

They welcome the announcement by the federal government for a new build for a childcare centre on the school site, but they are concerned to make sure that the minister advocates for EL3 and childcare provision to occur in this new building and they want a commitment from the minister that there will be no loss of resourcing for staff and resourcing to EL3 service provision -

ANSWER:

Thank you for your question of 4 March 2026 to the Premier regarding the Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3) trial on Bruny Island. I am answering in my capacity as the Minister for Education.

Our government is incredibly pleased to have secured \$3.5 million through the Building Early Education Fund for a new ECEC facility to be constructed on Bruny Island. I recognise that an ECEC facility has long been a desire for many in the community. As an ECEC facility, childcare will be provided by a not-for-profit provider.

The intent of the EL3 initiative is to increase access to early learning for the three-year-old cohort in areas with little to no ECEC services.

As with any trial, EL3 is being evaluated to ensure it is meeting the needs of the trial site communities, including Bruny Island, with a final report on the effectiveness of the different models due later this year. The community also has

the opportunity to provide feedback through Local Enabling Group (LEG) meetings held each term.

We welcome community input at the next meeting scheduled for the end of Term 1 to help ensure the trial remains purposeful and place-based. The meeting will also offer the opportunity to hear from the independent evaluators of the initiative.

Yours sincerely

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APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Education

Date: 17 March 2026