



14 May 2026

The Hon. Daniel Mookhey, MLC
Treasurer

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Copy to: The Hon. Kate Washington, MP
Minister for Families and Communities

Dear Treasurer

Community and Family Support Program Early Intervention Investment

We write to endorse Fams NSW's call for increased and targeted investment in early intervention child protection services through the Community and Family Support (CAFS) program.

Last financial year, for every dollar spent on prevention, the NSW Government spent \$8.20 responding to harm. Early intervention services receive the smallest proportion of overall child protection investment in New South Wales. This is contrary to strong evidence that these services reduce escalation and provide long-term value for families and communities across New South Wales.

We support Fams NSW's evidence-based proposal to uplift CAFS funding by 30 percent with a 40 percent transition to Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation service delivery, totalling \$69.5 million over a four year period. To strengthen the case for early intervention, Fams partnered with Lumenia to develop a new economic model of the CAFS program.

With the right investment and right settings, every dollar invested in early intervention can return up to \$2.97 in social and economic benefits.

The Department of Communities and Justice funds the majority of early intervention child protection services in New South Wales through the CAFS program. These services provide support to families across all areas of the state to help children reach their full potential and prevent harm before it occurs.

The government now has an opportunity to rebalance investment within the child protection system so that all children in New South Wales thrive in safe, strong, and supportive families and communities.

Could you please fund the request from Fams NSW for early intervention programs through the CAFS?



Yours sincerely

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Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

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Helen Dalton
Member for Murray

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Member for Wollondilly

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Member for Lake Macquarie

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Member for Wakehurst

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Roy Butler
Member for Barwon

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