**JULIE COLLINS MP**

**FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FRANKLIN**

**LABOR WILL DELIVER A NEW CHILD CARE CENTRE IN HUONVILLE**

A re-elected Albanese Labor Government will invest up to $5 million towards building a new child care centre in Huonville.

We know that in some areas, families are struggling to find a local child care place including in the Huon Valley.

That’s why we’re announcing this election commitment to building new child care centres and expanding services in areas of need – including in Huonville.

The new child care centre will be located on the site adjacent to Huonville Primary School, which has been identified by the local government.

New services will be located on school sites wherever possible, making drop off easier for families and letting children start their early education at their local school.

Only Labor has a plan to build a universal early childhood education system that is simple, affordable and accessible for every family and where every child is guaranteed access to at least three days of high-quality early childhood education and care.

Labor knows that building Australia’s future is about more than bricks and mortar, it’s about investing in people, in skills, and in education.

We’ve also funded a 15 per cent pay rise for early childhood educators – helping grow the workforce so more children can access early education. We’ll also keep fees low for families by capping fee increases as part of our wage increase.

Labor wants to open the doors of opportunity to all children.

Only Labor understands that an investment in quality early education and care is an investment in Australia’s future.

A re-elected Albanese Labor Government will work with the Huonville community to identify an appropriate location for the new service.

Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.

**Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Franklin, Julie Collins MP:**

“This is all about giving kids in the Huon Valley the very best start in life and getting them ready for school.

“I’ve heard loud and clear how important new services are for the Huon Valley and I’m proud our government will deliver.

“Labor is about opening the doors of opportunity, while Peter Dutton has voted to slam it shut.”

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