

# Media Release

## Andrew Broad

Member for Mallee

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### **Time is running out for local families to switch to new child care system**

Families across the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions are encouraged to make the switch to the Federal Government's new child care and early learning system before they miss out on new subsidies.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad is encouraging locals to switch over with the new system before it starts on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"So far our data tell us only 47 per cent of families in our patch have switched over, which means over half of our local families with children in child care could miss out on the new savings," Mr Broad said.

"The new system includes an extra \$2.5 billion over four years that will mean more subsidies for our local families working the most and earning the least. A lot of families in our region can expect to see increased savings under these reforms."

"In order to make sure you will get those savings families must log onto MyGov and update their details to enter the new system – so I really urge you to get on and do that so you can ensure you will receive the new subsidies."

The reforms will ensure the highest rate of subsidy is provided to those who earn the least, with those working the most getting more hours at subsidised rates. There will also be an activity test that ensures taxpayer's support for child care goes to those who depend on it to work, it's estimated the reforms will encourage more local families to increase their involvement in the workforce.

"Extra support is only a few weeks away but the switchover isn't automatic, make sure you get online today," Mr Broad said.

To update your details and find out more about the new child care and early learning system local families can visit [www.education.gov.au/childcare](http://www.education.gov.au/childcare).

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