

Media Release

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MORE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES UNDER THE NEW CHILD CARE PACKAGE

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad says families across the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions will be better supported under the Federal Government's new Child Care Package announced this week.

The new package will provide greater subsidy and financial support to those families who need it most, with those earning a lower income receiving an increased subsidy rate.

"We're increasing subsidies and removing the annual rebate cap for families earning less, giving them more opportunity to work with greater financial incentive,"

"Child care is a necessity for many of our local families, we need to help out by delivering more support to educate their children and allow parents to work more hours to take more of their wage home each week," Mr Broad said.

Families on incomes of \$185,710 or less per year will not have a cap on the amount of child care subsidies they receive. This means more time to work without the constraints of the current cap, or sky-rocketing child care costs.

Those families on incomes of more than \$185,710 and up to \$350,000 will benefit from an increased cap of \$10,000 each year per child under the new package.

"Parents who are working, studying, training or volunteering will be more supported under the new package which starts from July 2, 2018," Mr Broad said.

Local families can check what the new Child Care Package means for them by using the estimator at www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage.

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