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I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

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Your Submission:	<p>Issue 1> Maintain the Status Quo Issue 2> The CCC Early Childhood Education Strategy covers some very good reasons why the CCC should remain in Early Learning Centres (ELC). Issue 3> The Ministry of Education (MoE) standard DOES NOT MEAN that casual access will soon be no longer possible for ELC. (Reinforced by discussions held with the MoE.) The MoE has no intension to regulate on hours of operation.</p> <p>Action> The CCC needs to remain the leader in the ELC strategy, which gives many reasons for "promoting the healthy happy development", with the recent upgrade to QEII and the pending expansion of Pioneer, there needs to be a retention of this unique casual vacancy opportunity. Also the CCC should look at a similar facility being opened in or near the newly expanded Jellie Park complex.</p> <p>Why> To enable all society to make full use of each of the facilities. Retain job security for all staff and the filling of vacant positions with top quality staff. This is in jeopardy as the future of the centres are being debated.</p> <p>Casual option in the CCC ELC is part of he operating conditions set down by each centre, as a community services. Presently the casual hours available are for 2, 4 or 6 hours (or parts of), then this is an advantage that the these centres have and should be retained, another good reason to keep the centres open.</p> <p>With the expansion of these facilities, growth in the use of the ELC will increase and if more advertising is done to highlight the casual option, then the ELC will grow to and beyond capacity.</p>