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Dear Mr Hayes

I am writing to advise you of proposed changes to the Birralee Child Care Centre (BCCC) within Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital (BLH), South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) which has the potential to directly affect your members.

The BCCC was established in 2008 to provide high quality education and care services, catering for children aged between six weeks to five years of age. While the BCCC has provided a high quality service to children and staff at BLH, there are significant challenges in continuing to run the service. These include falling enrollments, infrastructure challenges, the difficulty recruiting child care workers, and the ongoing financial costs associated with running the centre. Accordingly, the SWSLHD Chief Executive has, in principle, supported the closure of the BCCC at the end of Term 2 2022.

To ensure the proposed changes have the input of employees, consultation with impacted employees is planned prior to final approval being sought. In line with the consultative provisions of the Health Employees Conditions of Employment (State) Award, I am writing to invite you to attend a Union Specific Consultative Committee meeting next Thursday, 17 March, 2022 at 9:30am (invitation to follow), and to provide any comments regarding the proposed changes within two weeks of the date of this meeting.

Alternatively I would be happy to meet to discuss this matter further with your representatives prior to this meeting.

If you would like to discuss the proposed changes further please do not hesitate to contact Ms Donna Worrall, Director of Corporate Services by email at Donna.Worrall@health.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 9722 8575.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager
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