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Willoughby City Council
Attn: The General Manager, Mayor and Councillors
Via email

Dear Sir/Madam

URGENT CALL: RELOCATE KU CHATSWOOD COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

I write to you to as the IEUA NSW/ACT Branch has been made aware by our members at KU Chatswood Community Preschool that Willoughby City Council will not be renewing the preschool's lease at the end of this year. The IEU is deeply disappointed to learn that the new tenant will be a for-profit long day care provider.

KU Chatswood has been a cornerstone of the community for 44 years, providing families with affordable, high-quality education for local preschool-aged children.

For Willoughby City Council to choose a for-profit model of early education over a not-for-profit organisation such as KU is a disservice to the community - particularly in light of current NSW parliamentary investigations regarding the safety and quality of care in corporate providers.

KU Chatswood is well established, highly regarded, and currently has a waitlist of more than 600 children. Many parents prefer not-for-profit preschool programs over costly long day care services. Affordable options should remain available locally.

Our dedicated teacher members at KU Chatswood, many with long service at the centre, now face the prospect of unemployment.

We understand Council may have alternative venues available that KU Children's Services could lease, enabling staff and families to continue accessing quality education in a new location.

We urge Willoughby City Council to prioritise this matter and work with KU to secure an appropriate site as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely



CAROL MATTHEWS
Secretary