

Review of NSW Government funding for early childhood education

Professor Deborah Brennan appointed as the Independent Reviewer

Professor Deborah Brennan, one of Australia's leading researchers in the area of comparative welfare, children's services and family policy, has been appointed to lead the Review of NSW Government funding for early childhood education.

Professor Deborah Brennan is a researcher at the Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales. She has held visiting positions at the London School of Economics, Oxford University, Trinity College Dublin and the University of Melbourne.

She has contributed to national and international debates in her field and has advised Australian, Canadian and UK governments on the development

of policies for families and children. She has held elected positions on the board of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), Institute of Early Childhood (Macquarie University), Community Child Care (NSW) and the Women's Trade Union Commission.

She was a member of the Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, from 1990–2007 and served as Head of



Department 2004–2006. She is a former President of the Australian Political Science Association.

Professor Brennan was a participant in The Productivity strand of the 2020 Summit held in April 2008.

Professor Brennan is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.