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## Dear Peter,

As discussed during our recent meeting with yourself and Ron Yuryevich, the Ewin Early Learning Centre is currently investigating ways to increase the capacity of our childcare service to the Kununurra community. The Centre is currently licensed to accommodate 84 children per day and at present we have a waiting list of 103 children. This waitlist is continually expanding and this is placing great stress on current Kununurra residents looking to return to the workforce after childbirth, as well as preventing some people from relocating to our town.

The current lease which the Centre holds with SWEK over the infrastructure at 1 Chestnut Drive, Kununurra is due to expire at July 17, 2017. Given that our expansion plans are centred around increasing the childcare operating capacity at this site, it is requested that lease negotiations be deferred for 12 months in order to allow sufficient time and focus to thoroughly conduct these investigations. There will also be a need to develop a new lease or ownership structure with SWEK should the expansion eventuate. We propose the existing lease be extended for a further 12 months under its existing format and conditions.

This expansion project has the potential to deliver significant social and economic benefits to Kununurra. We appreciate the support from SWEK to date and look forward to this continuing throughout the process.

We look forward to your advice regarding the lease extension.

Yours sincerely,

David Cross Chairman