



Sharon Grierson MP
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ABC Learning Centres to Remain Open

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce that ABC Learning Centres located in Newcastle will continue to offer their vital service to the local community.

The two centres, located at Beresfield and Stockton, will run under new operators selected by Court Appointed Receivers. Operators were selected for their experience, financial capacity and commitment to deliver sustainable, high quality child care for children and their families.

New operators have been selected for the majority of the 241 ABC2 Group child care centres around Australia.

In November 2008, ABC Learning went into receivership, leaving local Newcastle centres facing the threat of immediate closure.

"This announcement will come as a relief for many working parents in the Newcastle area who have been anxiously waiting news on the future of their local child care centre," Ms Grierson said.

"The Rudd Labor Government is committed to ensuring ongoing support for quality childcare, and the long term benefits it will pass on to the community."

"I'm happy to assure local working families that they will continue to have access to these childcare services."

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