



Early Learning Services Limited  
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Committed to Child Care

# ASX Announcement

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## Early Learning Services moves to embrace industry opportunities

Listed child care operator Early Learning Services (ASX: ELY) today confirmed it had taken moves to free up capital to pursue other child care acquisition opportunities by successfully cancelling a previous contract to buy a Canberra child care centre, Canberra 4 as named in the Company's prospectus.

The cancellation of the previous contract to buy the Canberra 4 child care centre will not result in any legal proceedings, as the centre's owners and legal representatives have confirmed, and ELY has received back its deposit.

With the demise of ABC Learning Centres and CFK in recent weeks, there are now substantial opportunities to purchase well-priced child care centres in good locations. By cancelling the contract to purchase the Canberra 4 child care centre, the Company has access to additional capital to pursue these opportunities.

The Company is continuing to work with a number of ABC Early Learning key stakeholders and others to evaluate the best opportunities for its growth at this time.

Early Learning Services is committed to evaluating the suitability of potential acquisitions and partnerships that have recently arisen to ensure they meet the Company's investment criteria.

As previously reported ELY remains profitable and has strong overall centre occupancy at a current average of 92.16%, wages to revenue of an average 58% and continued support from its bankers to take advantage of current opportunities within the industry.

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