



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **PARENTS HOPE FOR NO NASTY SURPRISES IN TONIGHT'S FEDERAL BUDGET**

The Parenthood, Australia's peak advocacy organisation for parents, is in Canberra tonight to hear firsthand what Treasurer Scott Morrison has in store for families in the budget.

Executive Director of The Parenthood Alys Gagnon said as there hadn't been any big pre-budget announcements targeted at families, she hoped there wouldn't be any nasty surprises.

"Parents struggling with the cost-of-living - cost of early education, cost of healthcare, cost of groceries and other household bills, will have their eyes on Treasurer Morrison tonight hoping his budget will have some good news for them and their household budgets," Ms Gagnon said.

"We'll be looking to reconfirm the government's new childcare package and also see if there is any long-term commitment to funding kindy's and preschools, given there is currently nothing on the cards beyond the end of next year.

"We'll also be keen to rule out any nasty surprises like a resurgence of cuts to Paid Parental Leave, cuts to single parent support payments or other family support payments through the Family Tax Benefit system, cuts that have all been hall marks of budgets past."

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#### **AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT**

**Alys Gagnon, Executive Director, will be in Canberra tonight and tomorrow morning and available for comment on the parent response to the budget.**

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**The Parenthood is Australia's largest not for profit parent advocacy with group, with more than 63,000 members nationwide.**