



Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Approved Provider	Bunya Child Care Centre Inc.
Service Name	Bunya Child Care Centre
Type of Service	Centre based education and care service
Action Taken	Prosecution action against Bunya Child Care Centre Inc. for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">one offence of failing to ensure that every reasonable precaution was taken to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury – section 167(1) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>.
Date of conviction	7 May 2021
Sentence	Convicted at Blacktown Local Court and fined \$1500.

Proven offence:

The approved provider failed to ensure that every reasonable precaution was taken to protect the child from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury in that it did not:

- undertake a risk assessment of the use of bottle warmers;
- develop and implement adequate policies regarding the safe use of bottle warmers and hot water, which clearly set out the precautions to be taken, including:
 - instituting a policy prohibiting staff from operating bottle warmers while holding children or in the vicinity of children;
 - consistently positioning the bottle warmers against the wall in a relatively safe area of the bench;
 - containing the bottle warmers within a physical barrier to prevent and contain spills;
 - installing signage near the bottle warmers with instructions as to their safe use; and
 - training staff in the safe use of bottle warmers and in the policies and procedures relating to the same.