



The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Kellyville

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RAY WILLIAMS MP CONDEMNS LABOR'S COST OF LIVING CUTS

Member for Kellyville Ray Williams MP has condemned the Labor Government's decision to slash the value of Active Kids and First Lap vouchers, cease the standalone Creative Kids voucher and massively restrict the eligibility of NSW families.

Mr Williams said thousands of families across NSW rely on the annual vouchers to enrol their children in sporting and creative activities.

"All families in our community could receive \$300 per child per year in Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers under the Liberal and Nationals Government," Mr Williams said.

"Under Labor's cuts, the number of eligible families will be cut in half, and those who are still eligible will receive just \$100 per child per year.

"I'm really disappointed Labor has cut these highly successful programs at a time when the cost of living is rising and households budgets are already under significant pressure."

Opposition Leader Mark Speakman said NSW families shouldn't pay for the Labor Government's broken promises and wrong priorities/

"Before the election, Chris Minns promised to fund Active Kids vouchers, and after months of uncertainty families across NSW are paying for Labor's broken promise," Mr Speakman said.

"Given the rising pressure on family budgets, Chris Minns' cuts mean children right across NSW will miss out on the opportunity to learn to swim, play sport and participate in creative activities."

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For background:

Under the Liberal and Nationals Government, families could receive 2 x \$100 Active Kids vouchers and 1 x \$100 Creative Kids vouchers per child per year.



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Of the 1.35 million currently eligible families in NSW, the Labor Government's cuts mean:

- 750,000 families will get \$0 per child per year; and
- 600,000 families (those who receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A) can get \$100 per child per year.

Labor is also cutting the First Lap voucher from \$100 to \$50, and only continuing it for 12 more months.

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