

**The Hon Steve Kamper MP**

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Dear Mr Mason,

**Active Kids Program**

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 May 2023 in relation to the Active Kids program.

Since forming Government in March, we have been upfront with the people of NSW about the economic challenges we have inherited from the former Government.

The former Government never funded the Active Kids vouchers beyond June 30 this year. They also left the largest debt in our state's history - on track for a record \$187.5 billion. Since the election, a further \$7 billion of unfunded programs have been uncovered, including this voucher program.

We are working hard to repair the budget in a responsible way, while helping to ease cost-of-living pressures and rebuilding our essential services.

The Minns Labor Government is making the Active Kids voucher program sustainable. We had to find the money to keep this program going, and that's exactly what we've done.

The Active Kids vouchers have been extended until 31 January 2024 to the value of \$50 for school-aged children. School-aged children will also be eligible for a new \$50 Creative Kids voucher from 1 July if they have not yet used their existing 2023 Creative Kids voucher.


Beginning in 2024, new vouchers for \$50 will be issued twice a year, at the start of terms 1 and 3. These vouchers will cover activities currently available under both the Active Kids and Creative Kids programs.

The new Active and Creative Kids vouchers will be subject to a means test from term 1 2024. Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will be able to access the vouchers. This will ensure an estimated 600,000 school-aged kids will receive support to continue to participate in sports and creative programs.

This is a tough but economically responsible decision. It ensures we can continue this important initiative in a fairer, more sustainable way. We know that low-income families benefited the most from these vouchers and we have ensured those families will still have access to them.

Thank you for bringing the matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



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