



# Caveat Brief

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**To:** Minister for Education and Early Childhood

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**From:** Executive Branch Manager Education and Care Regulation and Support

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**Subject:** Prohibition Notice – Educator – Agency Educator

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**Cleared By:** Executive Group Manager, System Policy and Reform

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### Summary

On 20 December 2024 CECA prohibited [REDACTED] from participating in the ECEC sector following an investigation into coercive and grooming behaviour towards children.

### Detail

On 21 August, Children’s Education and Care Assurance (CECA) received a notification of complaint from an ECEC provider in relation to health, safety and wellbeing concerns a child allegedly faced at Totom House Multicultural Early Childhood Centre (the Service).

The information alleged serious breaches of speaking to a particular child in an inappropriate and coercive manner and engaging in conduct consistent with grooming.

The investigation obtained evidence to determine [REDACTED] to be an unacceptable risk to children under the *National Law*.

On 1 October 2024 [REDACTED] was issued with a show cause notice. Following no response to the show cause notice, an address check was made, phone call was made with no response to a voice mail. The show cause was sent again on 24 October 2024 to ensure [REDACTED] had every opportunity to respond to the evidence.

On 12 December 2024, CECA made a decision that [REDACTED] is an unacceptable risk to children if allowed to continue to work with children.

On 20 December 2024 CECA issued [REDACTED] with a prohibition notice preventing him from working in any ECEC in Australia.

Access Canberra’s WWVP team is to be provided with the prohibition information to assess [REDACTED] suitability to hold a WWVP registration.

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Action Officer: Sean Moysey  
Date: 20 December 2024