

Early Childhood and Community Engagement Enforcement Action



Details		
1. Details of the person to whom the enforcement action relates	Name	Sagar Child Care Pty Ltd ATF Sagar Family Trust PR-00000686 as the approved provider for Kangas Kindergarten & Child Care Centre SE-00000156
	Service type (If applicable)	Centre-Based Service
	Address (if applicable)	400 Coolangatta Road, Tugun Qld 4224
2. Nature of Enforcement Action	Prosecution for offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazards under section 167(1) of the National Law	
3. Reason for Prosecution	<p>The approved provider:</p> <p>a) did not have adequate policies in place, which specified that the use of boiling or heated water for cleaning or mopping floors while children were in care of the service was prohibited; and</p> <p>b) did not ensure by provision of prior relevant and appropriate training, education, or induction of its employees that boiling or heated water was not used for cleaning or mopping floors while children were in the care of the service, when reasonable precautions called for such training and policies to be in place and strictly enforced at all times.</p> <p>As a result of the approved provider's failure to protect children from harm and hazards a child suffered scalding burns to his legs and abdomen, causing severe pain and distress. Those injuries have resulted in permanent scarring and the child experiencing ongoing anxiety about baths and water.</p>	
4. Details of the Prosecution	The approved provider entered a plea of guilty to one count of section 167(1) of the National Law for failing to protect a child from harm and hazards likely to cause injury. A fine of \$10 000 was imposed in the Southport Magistrates Court. The Magistrate did not record a conviction.	
5. Notes	The approved provider was directed to pay the Regulatory Authority's costs of almost \$3375.	