

## **Catharine Hydon**

With over 30 years experience leading and advocating for quality early childhood education and care, Catharine Hydon's work as the Principal Consultant and Director at Hydon Consulting, focuses on supporting professionals to explore the relationship between theory and practice.

Catharine's collaborative approach and engaging style has taken her all over Australia to think alongside leaders and educators in a collective effort to create meaning, define quality and engage in the art of transformational change.

Cultivating professional dialogue that responds to complexity and invites deep reflection is central to Catharine's work and is informed by a Masters in early childhood education specialising in practice and governance.

Amongst other pursuits, Catharine is a long-time member of Early Childhood Australia (ECA), an active contributor to ECA's Reconciliation work and a regular contributor to ECA publications. Catharine has been a member of the ECA Code of Ethics working group for the last two reviews, is a co-author of ECA's Ethics in Action Implementation guide and has recently co-edited Reconciliation in Action with Jo Goodwin. In addition, Catharine is a Board Member of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority and has been appointed as a second-tier reviewer for ACECQA.

In 2022, Catharine completed a Diploma of Governance, deepening her interest and understanding of effective governance and leadership that support outcomes for children and whole communities.