

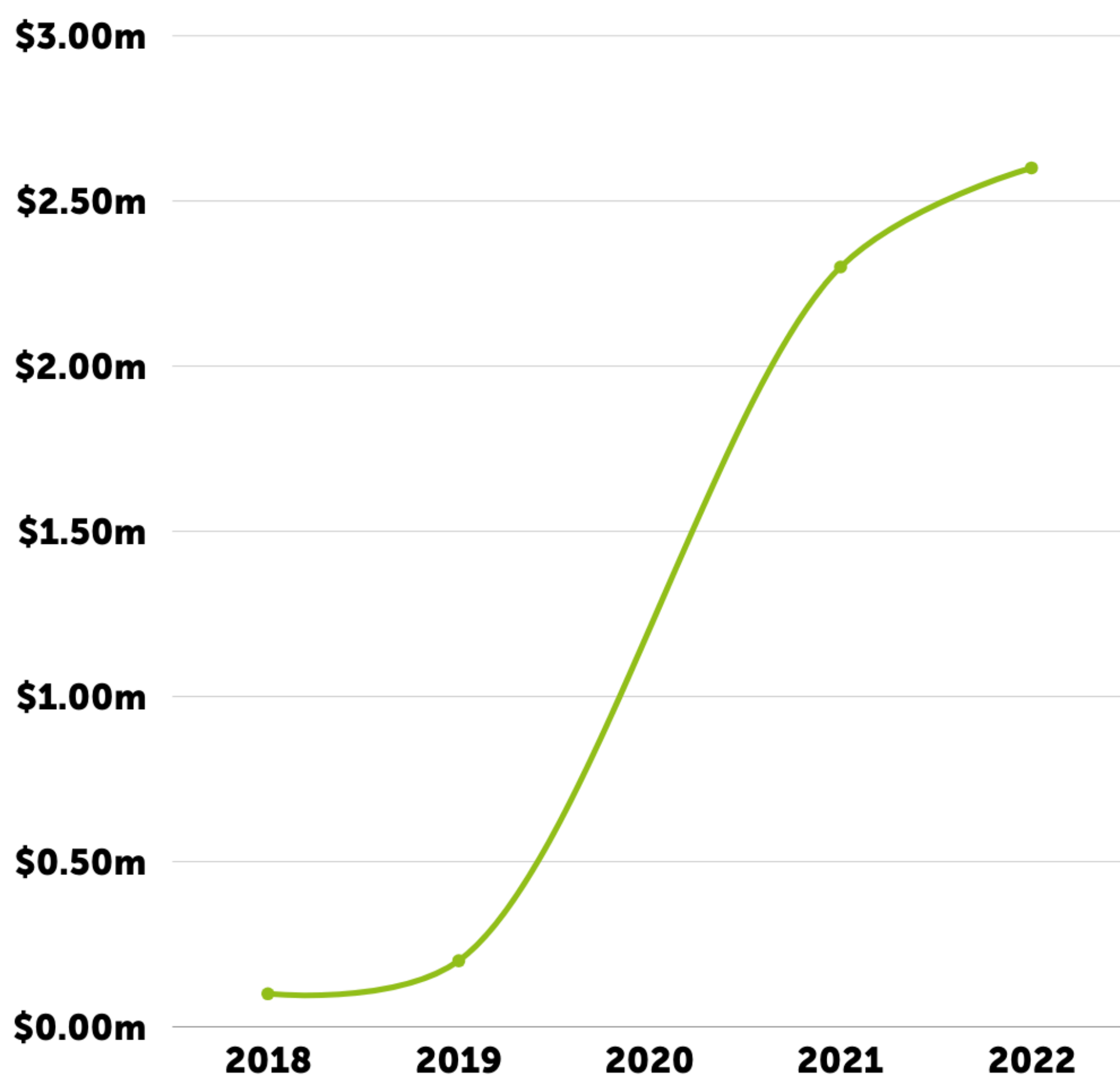
Donor Funding to Pre-primary Education: Australia Scorecard



The early years is when inequality sets in. Millions of the world's children go without the quality care and early learning they require.

The Act For Early Years campaign is calling on all governments to meet the internationally agreed target to invest at least 10% of their education budgets on preschool.

Join the campaign. It's time to Act For Early Years.

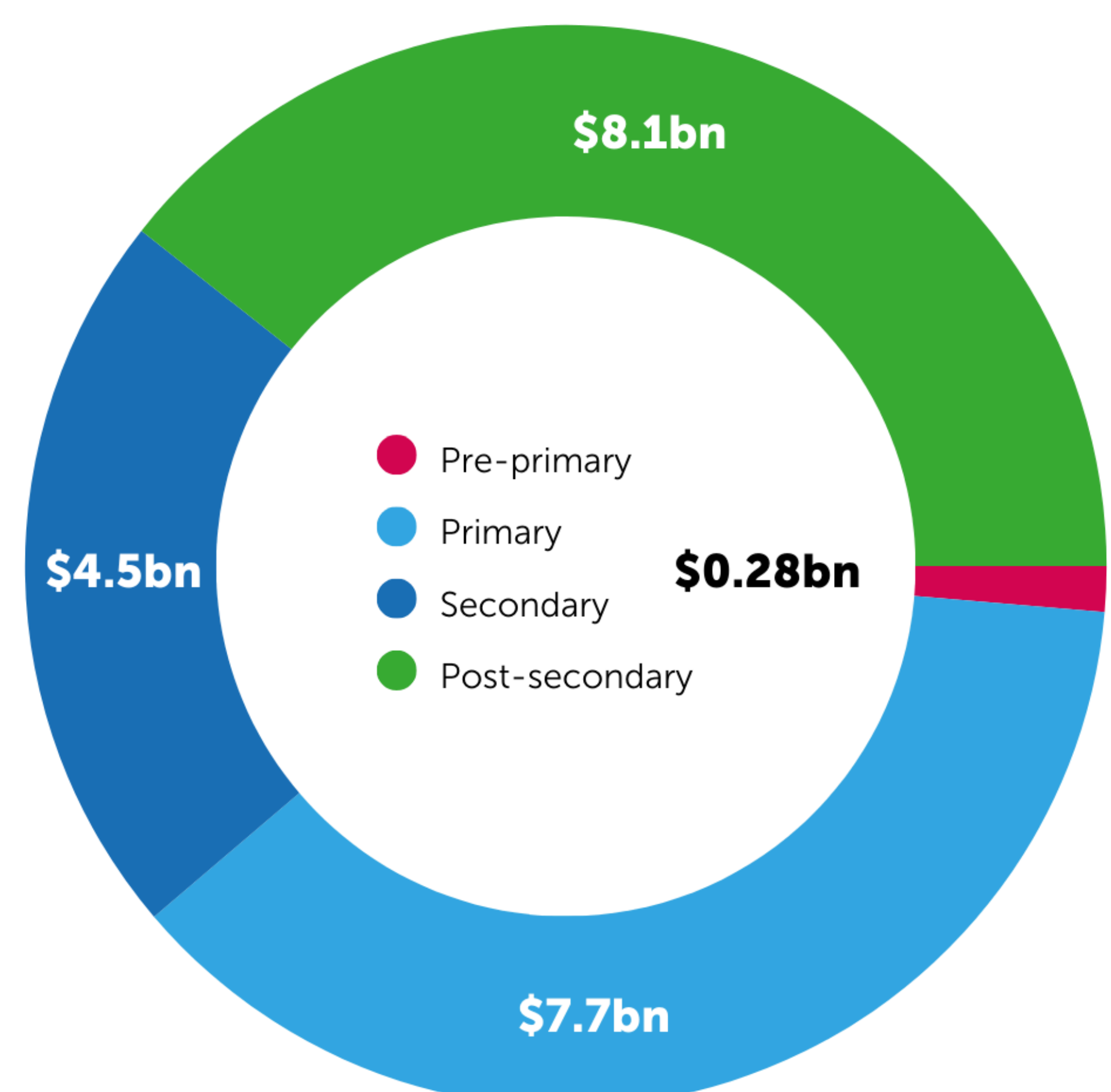


Australia must consistently invest in early years

Australia's preschool investment has been increasing in recent years. To ensure the world's children have a fair chance from the start, Australia needs to build on this trend.

Early years are being left out

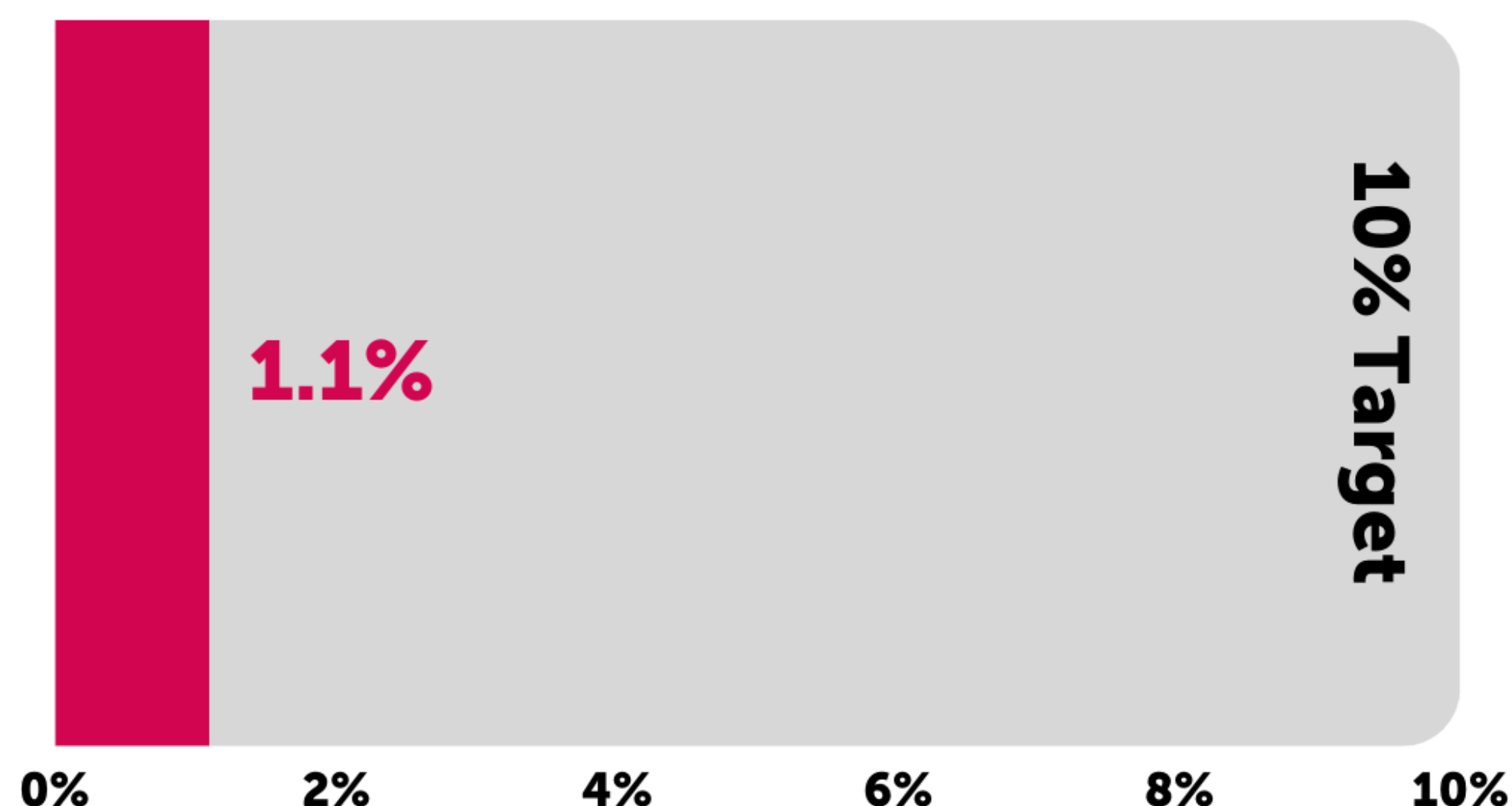
Despite encouraging progress in aid to preschool education in 2022, it remains just under 1.5% of total aid to education, far off the internationally agreed target of 10%. This imbalance must be reconsidered urgently. The consistent neglect of aid to preschool has caused a crisis of inequality affecting the world's youngest children, which will require years of improved investment to address. As long as preschool aid lags behind other education aid, this gap will be impossible to close.



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Stop missing the target

Investing in the early years is vital for children's futures. Yet in 2022, Australia only committed 1.1% of education aid spending to preschool, missing the international 10% target by a long way.

Australia should do more to join top donors

In 2022, Australia was not a top five donor for preschool education aid, with \$2.6m only accounting for 4.9% of the total \$53.3m in bilateral aid. Over-reliance on a few top donors puts young children at risk of instability due to changing priorities, so Australia and other donors must step up and increase levels of early education aid.

