

To the Community Affairs Legislation Committee:  
Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Dear sir / madam,

I commend the Australian Government's initiative to introduce Australia's first national Paid Parental Leave scheme.

However, the inequity in the scheme must be pointed out: it benefits only working parents.

According to one calculation, it leaves stay-at-home mums like me \$2,000 worse off compared to working mums who are eligible for it.

Why unfairly discriminate against parents who choose to work full-time at home and provide direct care to their children, such as I choose to do?

Should not all mums be paid and supported equally, regardless of whether they choose to stay at home or return to work early?

I ask that you please consider providing equal support to all mums, regardless of their care choices.

Sincerely,  
(Full name provided in the online submission)