

Submission to Senate Inquiry into Paid Parental Leave
Department of the Senate
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House Canberra ACT 2600

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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to ask that you please amend this Bill in order to remove its obvious discrimination against mothers who are not in the paid workforce.

Why should mothers who happen to be in paid work before the birth of a child and who choose to use institutional childcare be given a bonus over stay-home mums?

Numerous studies have shown that children who are cared for by family require minimal Government services and go on to be more productive in the workforce than children who are raised in institutional childcare.

So called stay-home mums are also given no credit for the vital unpaid work they do outside of the home for charities, schools and junior sporting clubs.

This proposed discriminatory Paid Parental Leave will not boost fertility. Look at Sweden with the most generous scheme in the world and yet has a fertility rate of just 1.66.

So please avoid creating two classes of mums by giving all new mothers an equal payment of around \$6300 so that they are all able to afford bonding time.

Yours sincerely,

Traudi and John Leahy