

To,
The Senate Inquiry,
Paid Parental Leave

I am writing as a young female health professional currently working full-time but with the view of starting and raising a family in the near future.

Although I am concerned about many issues the Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010 raises, I will only mention my sentiments concerning this one fact: This bill openly discriminates against women who choose to stay at home to raise older siblings, in favour of those who return to the workforce between pregnancies. These women are both mums with children, the only difference is their preference between state-funded childcare and parental childcare. And one of them is being penalised for her choice.

Why can't we introduce a system that is fair for ALL mums by giving them all equal monetary benefits.

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