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Exposure Draft of the *Paid Parental Leave Scheme Bill 2010*

Dear Sir/Madam,

We urge the Committee to recommend that the *Paid Parental Leave Scheme Bill 2010* be amended to ensure that all mothers are treated equally, regardless of whether they are in the paid workforce or provide stay-at-home care for their children.

The bill in its current form is discriminatory, unjust and will create a sub-class of mothers.

If we are serious about children's welfare and development, we must protect and promote the ability of parents to choose the most suitable caring arrangements for their family. The bill as it stands fails in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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