

To Senate Inquiry Submission

I wish to make the following points with respect to this bill:

1. Exclude abortion funding. The bill must not give Paid Parental Leave for intentionally aborted babies who are born dead or alive (to die subsequently). These babies must be recorded as "Intentionally Murdured Babies". The Birth Registries must distinguish between a true stillborn baby, which comes not as an intention of the mother, and an intentionally aborted baby. Parental Leave funding MUST NOT GO TO BABIES WHO ARE STILL BORN OR DIE AFTER BIRTH AS A RESULT OF ELECTIVE TERMINATIONS.

2. Amend the Bill to remove the "work test" and the "income test " from the Bill. All mothers are entitled to support in raising their children whether the children are in child care or not. Unwaged mothers are are entitled to the same financial support as mothers who leave the home for paid work.

3. Double dipping. There has to be safeguards in the Bill to stop mothers double dipping,ie stop mothers claiming PPL but putting their child into daycare and "double dipping" by claiming the 50% Child Care Rebate.

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