

Dear Senators,

I am writing to urge you to make amendments to the Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010. It is an inequitable to give different levels of funding to different mothers in our community. The scheme proposed by the Government is unfair towards stay-home mums who do not receive the same payment as other women who have been in the workforce prior to childbirth.

There should be equal funding for all childcare providers including mothers and the “work test” and “income test” should be removed. This should not simply be a scheme to reward women who have been in the paid workforce in the period prior to having a baby. Moreover, a scheme considered to be of national importance such as this one should also be taxpayer-funded and not business-funded because business should not be compelled to be the “government’s paymaster.”

Regards,

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