

The Senate Enquiry

The Paid Parental Leave -- a very bad policy

Galaxy poll shows that 70% of Australians do not support the Paid Parental Leave. Instead they want Paid Parental Leave to go equally to paid work and at-home mums to help all mums bond with newborns. <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/64-want-parental-pay-for-stay-home-mums-20100329-r5t4.html>

At-home mums also give up income to bond with their babies.

Like Mr Rudd's scheme, Mr Abbott's funding will in 2011 help 148,000 waged mums (including the rich) and bypass a larger group of 161,000 unwaged mums who get just the lower Baby Bonus.

Business people (who provide employment) are against it. Mothers, who overwhelmingly prefer to raise their children themselves, are against it. Galaxy also found 79% of 18 to 34 year olds were against it.

A child deserves equal childcare funding for the childcare choice parents want. Why punish parental childcare when studies show full-time mums have much larger families than women in paid employment?

Studies on outsourced childcare, (another form of discrimination against parental childcare) show it is not good for children, especially the very young ones. Families should not be punished for their choice to raise their own children in preference to care by outsiders to the family.

I hope that the Senate enquiry will see a reversal of this ill-conceived, more tax, more unemployment, discriminatory against childcare choice, anti-child, policy of both the Liberal Party and the Labour Party.

Kind regards,
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