

SUBMISSION INTO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE (PPL)

1. Overall we object to the bill as presently drafted because it discriminates against families who wish to raise their own children and bond with them in their own home. Its overall effect will be to drive mothers into the workforce and hurt families.
2. Amend the bill to remove the "work test" and "income test" from the bill. This will effectively exclude women who are fulltime mothers. This is very unfair as ALL families have reduced incomes to pay for children, including those with stay at home mums.
3. This bill should exclude, specifically, any funding for abortions. We want to increase the birth rate not reduce it.
4. Australia's fertility rate is ~1.93, whereas Sweden, which has a law closely mirrored by this currently proposed bill has a fertility rate of just 1.66 (2007). Why follow failure?

Yours sincerely

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