

**Submission to the Senate Committee Enquiry on
Exposure Draft of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme Bill 2010.**

The Parental Paid Leave Bill “work test” and “income test” should be removed from the bill as they unjustly discriminate against unwaged mothers who elect to do their own childcare between pregnancies. How is this fair to all Australian mothers?

The government’s PPL would give 148,000 families an average of \$7,342 after tax and 161,000 families the \$5,340 Baby Bonus.

Instead of this discriminatory funding which gives 37% more birth support to families with waged than unwaged mums, all families referred to in the 2011 Budget Estimates (those earning under \$150,000) could receive around \$6,300 each to help ALL mums afford bonding time.

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