

10th May 2010

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my strong opposition to the actual draft for the Paid Parental Leave scheme because it is unfair to mothers who are at home already caring for their children and won't benefit from it as much as working mothers will do.

The Government already spends lots of money subsidizing working parents with Childcare benefits, while mothers don't have access to any affordable 'short respite' for their children. Day care centers are not appropriate for mothers at home.

Stay at home mothers may not bring any short-term input in the economy. However on the long run, they will provide healthy and strong young workers. They also volunteer and we all know that volunteers are the back bone of Australia's communities. Stay at home mothers need to feel supported and deserve equality to working mothers..

Yours faithfully,