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SUBJECT: Work & family inquiry

I'm responding to March 6 Sunday Telegraph article asking for submissions in regards to the work and family inquiry.

I would like to make a submission as I'm a mother of two (3 years & 1 year) and I also work part-time (2 days per week) in the marketing department for NSW Lotteries.

My husband and I would like to see more support in terms of child care options. We do not want to place our children in childcare as the grandparents would like to care for them. So it would suit us to have an availability to a carer's allowance instead of extra funding for childcare.

My husbands salary is just over the threshold for all the family allowance, maternity allowance, immunisation allowance etc, so we don't receive any subsidies payments. So we are luckier than some families, but paying a Sydney mortgage means we struggle just like anyone else, but don't qualify for any government subsidies.

Also my workplace is unsupportive of my wish to work part-time. The jobs available to professional women in marketing are very rare, as many of my girlfriends are in the same occupation and have had to resign or seek underemployment elsewhere as most work places seem to be unsupportive of part-time working mum's. I only wish to work part-time as I want the majority of the responsibility for raising my children. This is more important to me than working full-time.

Please consider my submission for the work & family inquiry.

If you need to contact me email back or phone [REDACTED] Kind  
Regards, Louise John.

