To whom it may concern,  
  
Please, please please, scrap Tony Abbott’s expensive, wasteful paid parental leave scheme. This was a wild election promise that should not be born out in fact. All the research points to the efficacy of subsidising childcare itself, not the parents, especially when it substantially favours those who are better off. It leaves the Liberal party open to criticism about ‘middle class welfare.’  
  
Richard Lawton