

Parental Leave Inquiry
Productivity Commission
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To whom it may concern

I wish to register my interest in the enquiry into paid Maternity, Paternity and Parental Leave.

I am quite in agreeance with working mothers being paid an amount of \$9788 for 18 weeks to stay home and look after their baby after all this is what mothers are for and it is most important for the welfare of the baby but what about mothers who are not in the paid workforce, mothers who elect to stay home and look after their family full time. This is an admirable decision to make, ensuring their children have a proper upbringing and a happy childhood, devoid of any stress that is experienced by a child in who is dumped in a Child Care Centre at 8.am in the morning and not collected until 5.30 at night. What do these mothers receive, a baby bonus of \$5000, so they are worse off by \$4,788. Is this fair? I think not. It is discrimination against the mother who is not in the paid work because she wants to do the best for her family.

You are a Productivity Commission yet you are undervaluing the productivity of motherhood.

Yours truly,

Kath Pearce

Mrs. Kath Pearce