

Submission to the Inquiry on Paid Maternity Leave

It's a shame on Australia that paid maternity leave isn't the norm. It marginalises women even further. That we once had paid maternity leave and lost it, is even more of a shame. Babies need their mothers, and they need them to be well and cared for, not stressed about whether they can afford to be mothers. Mothers are the hub of the family, and the family is the hub of society. Having a nurturing mother is a necessity for a baby; it should not be considered a luxury! High time we had decent paid maternity leave of at least a year.