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It is time for Australia to join the rest of the developed world and implement a government-funded paid maternity leave scheme so that ALL women may confidently embark on motherhood with dignity and security. It is time to recognise and value the economic contribution made by the women of Australia who choose motherhood. It is also time to recognise that parenting by both men and women is important to the nation culturally, economically and socially. Please make this decision now and recommend the implementation of a government-funded paid maternity leave scheme.

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