

## **SUBMISSION**

The “Baby Bonus” as it is commonly referred to, was introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2001. It did not discriminate and was available for all. The Federal Government recently introduced the requirement for means testing the “baby bonus” which commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009. This does not take into account families that choose to live in suburbs with expensive housing to be close to their own families. This means that mortgages are larger and financial impacts are similar to all other Australian families. It is all relative.

I understand that the proposals that this Inquiry is considering reintroduces financial support for all from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009. This means that for the first time since 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2001, the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 to 30 June 2009 is the only window where many families, including ours as our baby is due during this period, will not receive financial support.

I therefore ask that should this proposal for Parental Support be successful, that it be retrospective to include families that gave birth during this 6 month period of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 to 30 June, 2009, otherwise this is discriminative.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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