mums' rights at work
paid maternity leave

PETITION Paid Maternity Leave – it's long overdue!

A paid maternity leave scheme for all Australian mothers.

Attention: Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the Productivity Commission inquiry into paid parental leave.

We the Australian people believe that a national paid maternity leave scheme is long overdue.

Paid maternity leave is a fundamental human right that should be provided to all mothers. It will benefit mothers, families the economy and business. Australia lags well behind the rest of the world in supporting new mothers. Australia and the United States are the only two OECD countries that do not offer paid maternity leave.

We welcome the Productivity Commission inquiry and urge it to recommend a paid maternity leave scheme that will allow women to spend the first months with their newborns without financial stress or disadvantage.

We ask the Rudd Labor Government to right this wrong and put in place a national, federally funded scheme of at least 14 weeks, paid at the federal minimum wage with an employer top-up (if required) plus 9 per cent superannuation for all women, including those who don't work.

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