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**REFORM SUMMIT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS TO LOBBY TURNBULL
TO DROP PPL CUTS**

Thursday's meeting of business leaders, unions and the community sector is an opportunity for these organisations to strongly call on Malcolm Turnbull to drop his planned cuts to Paid Parental Leave.

Across all three sectors there is opposition to these cuts, which will see around 80,000 new parents each year lose as much as \$11,800 worth of Paid Parental Leave.

Kate Carnell, the CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and one of the country's leading businesspeople, has said:

"We believe the Government has got this legislation wrong."

"[It] simply won't achieve the savings, and probably isn't reasonable to those employers who have... appropriately put together extra benefits to encourage female participation in the workforce"

KATE CARNELL, RN BREAKFAST, 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

Unions have also condemned the cuts:

"Reducing the PPL will have a negative effect on labour market outcomes, including workplace participation, gender pay equity and economic growth."

"The cuts to the paid parental leave will increase financial pressure on families with young children; it will force mothers to choose between putting their baby in care at a young age, assuming of course that they can find a childcare place, and quitting their job in order to stay at home and care for their child."

GED KEARNEY, ACTU, [SENATE INQUIRY](#) - 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

As have many members of the community sector:

“[This] major dismantling of the government scheme now in place, which was designed by the Productivity Commission, and widely supported by experts and community representatives, should be strongly rejected”

CASSANDRA GOLDIE ACOSS CEO – NEWS.COM.AU - 11 MAY 2015

If Malcolm Turnbull wants to reach consensus on Thursday he should cede to the consensus view on these cuts and take them out of the Parliament and out of the Budget.

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