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LABOR SENATORS CALL ON SENATE TO REJECT FAMILY CUTS

Ten weeks out from the Budget, Labor Senators have again called on the Senate to reject Malcolm Turnbull's harsh and unfair cuts to families.

The Senate Inquiry into these harsh cuts undertaken by the Community Affairs Committee was today divided – with Government Senators recommending the cuts be passed and Labor Senators calling for them to be rejected.

Labor Senators have once again stood side by side with Australian families to protect them from Malcolm Turnbull's cuts.

Malcolm Turnbull now has ten weeks to take these cuts out of the Parliament and out of the Budget, or take them to an election.

If he fails to drop these cuts, Labor will campaign in every marginal electorate around the country until these cuts are defeated.

If passed, these cuts will see some families lose as much as \$5,000 a year.

3 million children will be adversely affected.

That the Government continues to push ahead with these cuts is a strong signal that they have learnt nothing from the 2014

It is time for Malcolm Turnbull to show some real leadership and abandon these cuts forever.

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