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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**ABBOTT'S CUTS TO FAMILY TAX BENEFITS TO HIT REGIONAL AND RURAL  
ELECTORATES**

Rural and regional electorates will be hit hard by Tony Abbott's savage cuts to Family Tax Benefits, with new analysis showing electorates in the regions have a higher number of Family Tax Benefit B recipients than the national average.

Single income families in the bush have a lot to lose from Tony Abbott's budget.

It's unfortunate that the people elected to represent them – the Nationals – have failed to stand up to Tony Abbott and look out for the interests of families in the regions.

Nationally, the average number of Family Tax Benefit B recipients per electorate is 8,800.

But in regional electorates like Parkes, Cowper, New England, Hinkler, Maranoa, Wide Bay and Page – all held by the Nationals – the number of families receiving Family Tax Benefit B is well over 10,000.

Tony Abbott's budget is a savage blow to single income families in these electorates.

An average single income family with two kids on an income of \$65,000 will be around \$6,000 worse off because of Tony Abbott's budget.

And yet the Nationals have not said a word about these cuts.

Not only have the Liberals launched a savage attack on single income families in the bush, they are doing so in order to pay \$50,000 to wealthy women to have a baby.

It's time the Nationals stood up for families in the bush.

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