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Family policies forgotten by our political leaders

Australian parents agree with The Work + Family Policy Roundtable report released today – government policies on work and family have gone backwards over the last three years.

Australia's leading parent advocacy organisation The Parenthood calls on all politicians to use the remaining five weeks of the election campaign to show how they'll better support working mums and dads and their kids.

Executive Director Jo Briskey said parents remain disappointed in Mr Turnbull's plans to strip back an already inadequate paid parental leave (PPL) scheme and do nothing on childcare affordability for another two years.

"Mums and dads are growing increasingly concerned that policies like PPL and childcare have fallen off the agenda at this election," Ms Briskey said.

"This is despite the fact we already know issues like PPL and quality early learning and care are top issues for parents deciding how to vote on July 2."

Ms Briskey said today's report from the Work + Family Policy Roundtable, comprising academics from 30 universities, confirms what most parents already know - Australia is going backwards on family policy at an epic speed.

"After three years of inaction and broken promises on PPL and childcare, parents aren't asking for much from our leaders - we just want to be heading in the right direction," Ms Briskey said.

"We're really looking for a party to step up with a credible plan to help mums have enough time with their newborn babies and eventually return to work without having to struggle with skyrocketing childcare costs.

"Ultimately, when it comes to polling day, parents will support politicians who support their families."

"So far we haven't heard a word on these issues and it's really not good enough."

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