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SPLIT THE BILL AND GET CHILDCARE REFORM PASSED

Today sees the Turnbull Government's latest attempt to pass their long-promised childcare reform package, with reports that the government will split the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Childcare Reform) Bill 2017.

Leading parent advocacy group, The Parenthood, say that parents have welcomed the keen focus the Prime Minister Turnbull is putting on early learning, but want to remind him that his government has already made the savings necessary to pay for the package.

"Parents are thrilled that Childcare Reform is being separated from the Omnibus Bill," said Principal Campaign Manager Nicole Lessio. "We've been waiting for years for this childcare reform.

"Childcare Reform needs to be passed as soon as possible, but not at the cost of families doing it tough," said Ms Lessio.

Mums and Dads have been unequivocal about this issue. Their child care cost relief should not come at the expense of single parents, new mums, and pensioners.

"The Childcare Reform package has already been paid for," said Ms Lessio. "We need to secure early learning for kids and we need to help more parents afford to get back to work.

"We want the childcare legislation removed, debated and passed separately - not next month, not after the budget - but now," Ms Lessio said.

"Parents have one message for our parliamentarians about childcare reform: drop your cuts and just get on with it."

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