

Parental leave cuts

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Add your voice to those standing up for paid parental leave by sending a message to crossbench senators that they must vote against cuts to the leave – go to <http://bit.ly/saveppl>.

The Coalition has put cuts to paid parental leave back on the table. Up to 80,000 new parents

each year could be set to lose up to \$12,000, possibly from as early as January 1. Even teachers who are already heavily pregnant might have to revisit their plans for next year.

The bill has been reintroduced to the Senate and proposes to cut access to the Commonwealth Paid

Parental Leave – 18 weeks at the minimum wage – to workers who already have access to some form of paid leave from their employer. This will affect most teachers taking maternity leave.

The payment has been used by many teachers to extend the 14 weeks available from the employer to reach the 26 weeks' leave recommended by the World

Health Organisation in the interests of maternal and child health.

Members can sign a petition calling on Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to abandon the savage cuts to paid parental leave at <http://www.australianunions.org.au/ppl>.