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PROPOSED PAID PARENTAL LEAVE SCHEME WELCOMED

FRSA welcomed the announcement today by the Productivity Commission of their recommendation for a tax-payer funded parental leave scheme of 18 weeks. Executive Director Samantha Page said such a scheme would ease stress on working families and be in the best interests of children.

“Strong, healthy families build a protective barrier around individuals. Investments such as this scheme would assist in building healthy families, and we are pleased that this is on the government’s agenda”, said Executive Director Samantha Page.

“Australia is one of the only remaining OECD countries without legislated paid parental leave. Investing in families makes social and economic sense. This scheme is preventative support to families, which will improve child’s development through having time to bond with their parents”.

“More flexibility in the workplace would help families to spend more time together and ease pressure on relationships. The proposed paid parental leave scheme would assist in achieving this much needed flexibility.”

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