

PRONATALISM AUSTRALIA

Supporting family formation and generational renewal

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Pronatalism Australia Welcomes 26 Weeks Paid Parental Leave

Pronatalism Australia has welcomed the full implementation of Australia's expanded Paid Parental Leave scheme, which now provides eligible families with up to 26 weeks of leave, including superannuation contributions.

Founder Andrew Glover said the reform represents a positive investment in Australian families and the nation's future.

"Giving parents more time with their newborn children reduces financial pressure and allows families to focus on what matters most during the earliest months of life," Mr Glover said.

Pronatalism Australia noted that the inclusion of superannuation contributions is particularly significant, recognising that time spent raising children contributes to society and should not come at the expense of retirement savings.

"The inclusion of superannuation is an important recognition that caring for children creates value not just for families, but for society as a whole," Mr Glover said.

Pronatalism Australia noted that the benefits of parental leave extend beyond workforce participation and economic outcomes.

"Strong attachment between parents and children during infancy is associated with a range of positive developmental outcomes," Mr Glover said.

"Policies that support parents to spend time with their young children should be viewed as an investment in Australia's future wellbeing," Mr Glover said.

While welcoming the reform, Pronatalism Australia said further action would be needed to address Australia's declining fertility rate and make family formation easier and more desirable for future generations.

"This is a step in the right direction," Mr Glover said.

"Building a more family-friendly Australia will require a broader conversation about the economic, cultural and institutional barriers that prevent many Australians from having the families they truly want." Mr Glover said.

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ABOUT PRONATALISM AUSTRALIA

Pronatalism Australia is an independent not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting cultural norms, public policies and community institutions that support family formation, childrearing and generational renewal. The organisation advocates for a more family-friendly Australia in which people are better able to achieve their family aspirations and future generations can flourish.