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Pronatalism Australia Calls for Clarity from One Nation on Family Policy

Pronatalism Australia has called on Pauline Hanson and One Nation to clarify their position on family policy, following Senator Hanson's National Press Club address in which she questioned the case for paid parental leave.

Founder Andrew Glover said the speech raised concerns about parental leave but also praised One Nation tax policies that could materially help families.

"If Australia is serious about lifting its birth rate, we should stop treating the work of raising children as economically invisible. Paid parental leave is an important part of our demographic infrastructure, not just a workplace perk," Mr Glover said.

During the Press Club Q&A, Senator Hanson questioned why business should pay employees who are not at work. Pronatalism Australia said this misreads both the value of early parenthood and the design of Australia's government-funded scheme.

"Supporting childbearing means reducing the accumulated costs of parenthood, not adding to them. Any rollback of paid parental leave would push us in the wrong direction," Mr Glover said.

On tax policy, Pronatalism Australia commended One Nation's proposal for household income splitting, which would allow couples with a dependent child to combine and divide their income for tax purposes. The organisation described it as one of the more family-friendly structural reforms in Australian politics, easing the penalty on single-income families and reducing the need for delayed childbearing.

"Income splitting recognises the family as an economic unit and removes a real disadvantage faced by parents who choose to care for their own children. That approach deserves cross-party support," Mr Glover said.

Pronatalism Australia, which takes no partisan position, said the coming period offered One Nation an opportunity to set out a consistent pro-family agenda rather than a mixed set of signals.

"We will commend good family policy wherever it comes from, and question it wherever it falls short. What prospective Australian families need now is clarity."

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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.