

# P M L Consultation

**Paid Maternity Leave**

An adequate national system of paid maternity, paternity and parental leave is one of the major issues for working families (closely followed by family friendly working conditions and child care)

The Productivity Commission will issue a draft report for public consultation at the end of September with public responses required by late November 2008.

**The productivity commission process is the means of achieving something and at this stage it is critical that women and their organisations make informed comment to the Commission on the options in the draft report.**

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Queensland Working Women's Service  
invites women from all areas of Queensland to participate in this very  
important event either in person or  
through a telephone hook-up

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- Date:** Thursday, 16 October 2008
- Time:** 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
- Venue:** The Office for Women Conference Room  
313 Adelaide Street, Brisbane  
(Light refreshments will be provided)
- RSVP:** Register on-line at [www.qwws.org.au](http://www.qwws.org.au) to attend in person or  
hook up by teleconference;  
or phone 3211 1440 or freecall 1800 621 458  
**by Monday 13 October 2008 –**  
As numbers are limited, please register early to avoid  
disappointment.

This consultation will provide a valuable opportunity for Queensland women to discuss the options in the draft Report, and to form a response to input to the Commission.

Responses are to be provided to the Productivity Commission in November so it's important that we take advantage of this very brief window of opportunity.

A summary of the Commission draft report and a pro forma will be supplied to assist in sending comments to the Commission.