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Citizens Assembly  
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Re Gender Equality

My submission is

I left paid work in 1979 for unpaid work in the home raising my three children. I returned to paid work in 2002.

Why to date are women/men who choose to stay at home, after the birth of a child, treated unequally by the state? Those who choose to return to paid employment are given state grants towards child care and are actively encouraged to place their children in child care. Those who choose to unpaid stay at home raising their children are not supported or encouraged to do so.

Surely in this day parents should not be pitted against each other. Both decisions are equally right and should be equally supported by the state

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