Who Pays For Paid Maternity Leave?

To the Letters Editor,

Interviewed by Laurie Oakes 01.08.10, Tony Abbott stated that his plans to establish paid maternity leave for working mothers was "....a visionary social change".

It is not; Tony's social visions are impaired. The majority of Australian businesses are to be taxed to pay for the proposal, but it is the public who eventually become lumbered with the cost of Tony's "do-gooding" interventionist initiative.

Having babies is a personal affair. If women are to be paid to have babies, it is up to their employer who should decide whether they are to be paid or not. Nobody else; least of all the government. Good government has nothing whatsoever to do with a vote buying disgrace like this.

The Federal government was established to defend us from internal and external thugs, run the High Court and deal with Foreign Affairs.

The numerous economic interventions of which The Canberra Kremlin have become the authors and guardians, are actually capital consuming organisations which lower the general standard of living of all

What Tony is doing is displaying an abysmal ignorance of what good government stands for. He is proud of himself for wearing a dunce's cap.

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