

Push! Push! Push! for...

PAID MATERNITY LEAVE

International Women's Day March
Thursday March 5 at 5.30pm

**Meet at Victoria Square – March through the city to
the Duke of York Hotel Beer Garden, Currie Street.**

Walk with the giant pregnant woman – Refreshments and music at the pub – All women welcome



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Australian women have been campaigning for 30 years for a national paid maternity leave scheme. Over 157 countries have paid maternity leave including Mongolia, Botswana, Burma, Italy and the UK.

Australia and the USA are the only OECD countries without it.

47% of Australian working women have no access to any paid leave for parenting. The vast majority of these women earn under \$700 a week.

Paid Maternity Leave is overdue.

It needs to be delivered in the 2009 federal budget

It's good for mothers and babies

Better mother and baby health and development
Good for breastfeeding and bonding

It's good for families

Everyone can share in the joy of a new baby without financial stress. No need to save up to cover lost wages

It's good for the economy

Women stay in the workforce, their skill and experience is not wasted. It is an economic stimulus, keeps people having children and safeguards women's jobs in hard times

What you can do

March for International Women's Day to support a national paid maternity leave scheme in this year's federal budget

Join the email petition www.saunions.org.au

Write to your Local federal MP calling for paid maternity leave in the federal budget in May

For information about IWD call Janet on 0419 825 845