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2009-2010 Federal Budget: Families Australia views

“In difficult economic conditions, the 2009-2010 Federal Budget manages to deliver direct and downstream benefits to many Australian families,” said Families Australia Chief Executive Brian Babington. “Overall, the Federal Budget brought down tonight is good news for families, carers and children”.

“The plus side includes provision for:

- paid parental leave;
- a national plan for protecting children;
- more funding to improve outcomes for Indigenous Australians;
- extending the First Home Owners Boost;
- increased pension and carer payment; and
- a major job and training package.

“We must not forget, however, the 224,500 long-term jobless families in Australia who have relatively few resources at their disposal to face the recession. Targeted and effective support still needs to be delivered to these families”, Mr Babington said.

Families Australia is a national, independent, peak, not-for-profit organisation which promotes the interests of families.

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