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Greens fight for mums

THE Greens have vowed to fight for 18 weeks' paid leave for mothers as they aim for the balance of power in the Upper House.

The Greens said Australia was one of only two OECD countries to not fund maternity leave.

The Democrats also launched their women's policy yesterday, repeating calls for a federally-funded paid maternity leave scheme of 14 weeks for new mothers.

This came as a Heat Group survey found more women would have third babies if they could get 14 weeks of paid maternity leave.