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Canberra Imaging Group, one of the largest privately owned radiology companies in Australia, today announced the provision of paid maternity leave to its staff.

Hilary Russell, CEO of Canberra Imaging Group, explained the reasoning behind this initiative:

“ This policy is aimed at attracting and retaining female staff and promoting the company as a family friendly employer through work - family policies. We believe the policy will enable female employees to take appropriate leave after the birth of a child, ensuring the physical and emotional well being of both mother and child while at the same time addressing the financial impact of a period of absence from work.

Hilary commented that “Surveys of business have found that those companies with good work - family policies, report improved staff retention, recruitment, staff morale and higher productivity.”

“While the public sector has for some time provided such leave, the private sector has lagged behind,” Hilary said.

“Workforce data shows that public sector employees are twice as likely to have access to paid maternity leave than private sector employees. We are a leading local company in the ACT and we want to set the standard for private sector employers in providing family friendly employment conditions.”

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