**Supporting Working Parents: Pregnancy and Return to Work National Review**

Submissions from women and men who have experienced discrimination at work while pregnant, or while on or on return to work after taking parental leave

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**Part C Submission Response**

When I fell pregnant I was really sick throwing up all the time, so I called them to say I was unable to come to work the manager would say 'what times do you normally throw’, she would say she really wanted me to come because she was short staff and I would go to work no matter how sick because I wanted to keep the job.

I called in sick many times and she got angry telling me the same thing but all the time .I went to work I never met her because were worked different times of the day .So she didn’t believe I was sick until she saw me at the checkout one day that’s when she said "oh you look really wasted ''

Then she made an appointment to see me about leave arrangement which I had asked for me and I was expecting to go on sick leave but she indicated that I cannot go on sick leave but take my annual leave days for being sick. I remember I got the paid but think I was unfairly treated.

I returned to work after the nausea had stabilised and then went on maternity leave for two years but then after the two years I wasn't really ready to go back because of other problems so I lost the job the only way I knew I lost the job was when I tried to use the staff discount card it wouldn’t work and a few dollars in my account were evidence that my job was no more. I thought they should have communicated to me about the termination or maybe they did because I moved houses, maybe they sent a letter but I also have email and phone number.