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Submission to the Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

I am a permanent employee, working as a shop assistant, currently earning around 23.30 per hour.

I have a daughter at Uni, a partner -pension age that I support as he receives only a part pension.

We don't have a mortgage and thanks goodness I don't ends just meet

If penalty rates were abolished... I would not make ends meet the \$55 I receive for working Saturday morning is factored into our very tight budget

My weekends are important to me because...I volunteer as both a Guide leader and a tour Guide . I believe we should all give something back to the community in which we live.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

We offer a service to the community and to tourists, we give up time with our family to cover the expenses of living. Lets ask all Politicians to do unpaid work for a charity and see how quickly they cry family time or work commitments.Lets get a politician to live for a month on the basic wage in rented accommodation with a family of 2 kids. Make them go to Vinnies asking for food or help to pay the power Bill. This would make great TV!

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