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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 teacher, currently earning around 80000 per year.

I know many of my students past and present rely on penalty rates to exist. The cost of education is very high as students in rural areas have have to leave home to study. They need every dollar they can get but can't work too many hours due to study. Similarly those in hospitality are paid poorly and rely on penalty rates or will we follow US and have them rely on tips!

If penalty rates were abolished... you simply are lowering the overall spending capacity of the lowest paid. This forces them to buy tax free on-line and so the process goes on.

Lowering production costs by lowering wages is short sighted economics a thing that

parliaments are good at.

My weekends are important to me because...It is family time. Sporting teams need adults to run etc Surely the economy benefits people not people enslaved by it!

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Maybe the good senator could lead the way and cut his wages, allowances etc and show us how to make do with less when prices keep rising!

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