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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 electrician, currently earning around 80000 per year.

I am a single dad who cares for two young boys. My weekend time with my children is very important to us. I have to pay a morgage and support my boys.

If penalty rates were abolished it would impact my income and my ability to meet my cost of living expenses.

My weekends are important to me because it is my family time, I'm also a christian, so Sunday is a very important day for us, as is for all christians.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. So people required to work weekends be

compensated for the loss of family time. Family is so important and the removal of weekend penalty rates devalues families.

Submitted by

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