

## Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

So here we have the same wedge politics being bleated again. "It'll cost jobs!" What rubbish.

The best way that businesses can survive is to make employees accept conditions that are archaic and unfair? Pathetic, unrealistic and, in this day and age, totally unbelievable. No-one is buying it.

Penalty rates are responsible for 18.2% of restaurants and cafes being closed on weekends? The busiest times of the week? Nonsense.

Your bill will only apply to small businesses of fewer than twenty full time employees? Who cares? The job doesn't change due to the size of the employer now does it?

Employees will earn penalty rates after ten hours in a day or 38 hours in a week? Gee, thanks for taking us back to the dark ages. How long have we had the eight hour day? How long have we had the thirty eight hour week?

And a usual week is Monday to Friday.

Your bill is about going backwards, and that is never a good thing.

Stop wasting time and resources and try harder to find solutions from now on.