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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 factory hand, currently earning around 25 per hour.

i have two children that i only ever see on week ends,i pay child support,i pay a mortgage,and every other bill that comes into the household and i do this on one income.

If penalty rates were abolished... it would reduce the amount of money i could afford to pay for my children i would lose about a hundred dollars a week in shift loading i would either lose my house or i would need to live without food.

My weekends are important to me because...thats the only time i can see my children.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Do any of you have children or a partner that you like to spend time with and when do you do that how much would it cost to buy that time off you.

Submitted by

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