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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 nurse, currently earning around 38 per hour.

i am what you would call a veteran who has been in the trenches for the long haul,i have 3 children and a mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished... i find it strange that you mr xenophon should initiate this move ,in

the name of austerity,I understand the need to cut

government expenditure but why not start in parliament and lead by example..

The folks you are focusing on are already doing it tough,please have a heart

My weekends are important to me because..without them my take home pay is a

pittance,might as well look at alternatives and give up working weekends.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.we know things are tough in facets of the economy,but do not make us the sacrificial lamb.

the profession I am in is notorious for causing burnout,be considerate and leave well alone

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