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## Submission to the Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

Destroying hard earned conditions and scalping pay rates and overtime rates is not the way to make the country work harder. Those that don't want to work will keep doing what they are doing and those earning minimal wages will either be forced to work harder for less or give up working creating more on the dole. I personally have struggled on low wages providing for 8 children and now earn reasonably good money. I am 51 years old and still have a substantial mortgage for a moderate home. I wish to retire before I am 70 with a reasonable superannuation. Strange that, When I started working retirement age was considered 60. All I feel that I am doing is paying taxes to support dole bludgers, invading boat people and politicians who parasitically believe that the fix is to make the workers work harder for less. A submission to parliament such as this is a short term fix to the economy that will place cash into the employers hands with total disregard for the workers well being. More houses repossessed, more broken families and richer banks. Less money again into the governments coffers,

spiralling interest rates and further depression in the economy. I would like to think that my health will still be good when I am 80 and that I will still be driving to work and saving for my retirement but I just don't know. So far in my working career I have spent 4 weeks receiving partial dole between full time jobs. I have worked for low wages in a permanent casual job that required flexibility from 24hrs per week to 96 hrs per week. I can only hope that you take heed of the words of looming distress of the people.

Regards Tony Bray.

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