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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 registered nurse, currently earning around \$36 per hour.

I have a mortgage, single person living on my own, and am also a uni student studying to further my career in nursing

If penalty rates were abolished... I would lose around \$400 a fortnight, be unable to afford to pay my mortgage and support myself through uni

My weekends are important to me because... I have previously missed out on weddings and special event due to work.

My friends always catch up on the weekend, and i miss out!

It is also the time to catch up with my boyfriend

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. If these are abolished, nurses will most likely not work weekends, and who will look after the sick in hospital, just because it is the weekend, people aren't sick! They still need looking after 7 days a week

Submitted by

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