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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 per hour.

I'm newly out of university , living alone in for work

If penalty rates were abolished I would struggle to pay rent and buy groceries from week to week as well as other small living expenses along with bills . I wouldn't see my mother as much because I wouldn't have the cash to spare to travel. Basically I'd sit in my house worried about making it to next pay day

My weekends are important to me because I enjoy catching up with friends and family and enjoying special events . There are many times I've missed out on doing things on the weekend because I've had to work

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates and think about those who don't have large politician pay checks. People work hard to keep a wide variety of sectors running , particularly health. If you take away penalties, who will work in your hospitals ? Who will put their patients needs above their own? What if that was you struggling to make pay day? A government who cared about the Australian public would be an absolute shock .

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