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

Dear Senator,

I am not on a wage; although I fully support workers getting penalty rates for giving up their weekends and public holidays. These rates make wages reasonable; which enables workers to afford the bills they have to pay, and have a reasonably comfortable life style (ie. they dont live to work).

If you are intending to drop workers pay, why dont you also drive down the cost of goods. It does not make sense to push hard working Australians towards the poverty line while politicians while business make yet higher profits at the expense of the cheap labour they employ.

Be realistic. Business charge higher prices across the board noting staff get penalty

rates which is paid for by the public. If the public are prepared to pay for the right of Australians to earn a reasonable wage then why change ?

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