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

I am a casual employee, working as a sales assistant, currently earning around \$20 per hour.

I am currently a student at university who to pay my way through university needs to work. The weekends are my only chance to work.

If penalty rates were abolished it would effect the amount of income I have for each week quite dramatically. I am only able to work weekends for university and without penalty rates it means that I will loss about 50- 100 dollars of my pay and when having to pay for university and rent etc this does affect what I will be able to afford.

My weekends are important to me because...

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates so that people who are students are able to live out of home and pay their way through uni with a decent income.

Submitted by

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