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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 nurse, currently earning around 28 per hour.

I am a married woman age 48, 2 young teenagers at home no morgage work as a nurse

If penalty rates were abolished... I,m on the casual pool at my local hospital if penalyt rates were abolished i would no longr\er do night shifts which i,m one of the few nurse that likes to do night shift and a big no to weekends not for \$28 an hour and that is a casual rate I don,t get sick or holiday pay

My weekends are important to me because... my family play sport on weekends. Most of my family and friends are monday to friday workers teachers office workers etc

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates

People working weekends usually do so because it is part of their job requirement nurse police etc take away penalty rates watch the shortage of nurses go even higher

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