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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 CUSTOMER SERVICES AGENT, currently earning around 23 per hour.

I HAVE TWO CHILDREN UNDER 2 AND MY WIFE DOES NOT WORK AND I HAVE A MORTGAGE

If penalty rates were abolished I would lose \$300 per week. I could not afford to feed my family if i lost that.

My weekends are important to me because I see my kids and we do things. I have had to miss out on many events because I have to work weekends. eg weddings, birthday parties and grand finals. It's not fair that I may not be paid for that soon.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. It's just not fair. I have to sacrifice for the extra money.

Submitted by

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