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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 tutor, currently earning around \$25 per hour.

As an older Australian who has never had to work on Sundays or Saturdays, I deplored the beginning of Sunday trading. I do not attend church but i believe Australian workers and families need at least one day a week to themselves and as such i never shop on Sundays. I can't believe Nick Xenophon has suggested that people who work on Sundays should not be compensated. What has happened that our society continues to erode the gains made by workers in the 19th and 20th centuries. Workers rights are eroded step by step. It must stop.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by

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