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

I am a employee, working as a community mental health nurse, currently earning around 39.00 per hour.

I am a grandmother of 2, who now live with me, and I am 67 years of age. My husband has retired, so if I did not work weekends our family would be really stretched financially. You can imagine the ongoing work related stress of a Crisis Team, let alone 2 distressed teenagers.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would be about 6-700 dollars worse off. I try to keep Sunday for the kids, or at least one w/e day.

My weekends are important to me because...my grandchildren are going through a family break up, so I try to keep one day for them, but the money now is also very

important.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by

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