Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committees on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

PO Box 6100

Parliament House

Canberra ACT 2600

Australia

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

I am a permanent employee, working as a , currently earning around per hour.

If penalty rates were abolished, particularly for the retail or hospitality industry, many people will be worse off. It will be an injustice to the emplyees who are poorly paid compared to the rest of the Australian workforce. I find this strange coming from Senator Xenophon as he has always been someone fighting for the oppressed.

My weekends are important to me because...

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by Gilbert Texier

Monday 24th of September 2012