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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 cleaner, currently earning around 30 per hour.

family,mortgage

If penalty rates were abolished... I would be losing half my hourly rate. I would give up working weekends as its not worth missing out on family time for what i could get working during the week

My weekends are important to me because...I watch my kids sport, I am very much involved with sports clubs. I have missed going to birthday parties because i am working. Family time is important.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Our children deserve good money when

they work weekends, if they are at school this the only time they can work, Weekends is for family, if you have to give that up to work and keep the family fed, you must be able to get penalties for that. some people dont have a choice to work weekends, I starting working weekends to help pay bills I could be at home during the week to care for my children while my husband worked and then i worked weekends while my husband looked after the kids. We didnt have to pay for child care.

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