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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 Registered Nurse, currently earning around 35 per hour.

I'm married with 3 kids, and have a mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would earn less and this would put much more pressure on us to make ends meet. Weekends are important to Australians because families are important and when you aren't able to spend that quality time with them, you should be compensated.

My weekends are important to me because...I have children and this is when I get the chance to spend quality time with them and relax.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Don't let corporate Australia consume what's left of the family unit. Don't put profits before family.

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