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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 38 per hour.

I am a single parent, 2 children, student, part time employed with mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished...my income would reduce by nearly a days pay.

Registered nurses work shifts that is the nature of the job. I would prefer to work 9-5 but these hours are rare in nursing.

My weekends are important to me because...I have young children who take part in sports and I would like to spend a day with, not just an hour after school. I take part in sporting events that only happen at the weekend.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. I don't enjoy working until 10.30 at night and missing seeing my children after school and tucking them into bed. if i am not given penalty rates for this sacrifice I will leave nursing for a 9-5 Monday to friday job!

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