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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 Bar attendant, currently earning around 22 per hour.

I have no family I'm not a student and I can still barely make ends meet.

If penalty rates were abolished I would lose roughly about 120-150 dollars a week. I wish I could find a full time job but there are none here on Hobart.

My weekends are important to me because that's when all my friends get their time off. It's when my family aren't in school. Not that I get to see them all that much because I'm working but I get compensated for that.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates because why should I have to work

weekends and not get something extra. So people like you who work Monday to Friday have someone to pump their petrol deliver their meals at the restaurant or pour their beers at the footy.

Submitted by

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