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My son plays soccer on Saturdays, footy on Sundays.

We often go to mass on Sundays. Sometimes we like to go away for weekends, or fire up the bbq on a sunny Sunday afternoon and relax with friends and family.

We love and treasure our shared family time as both my husband and I work during the week.

Imagine if my husband had to work on the weekends.

He misses out on soccer, footy and our family get togethers.

He would rather be with us, but unfortunately he does not have any choice, if he didn't work he wouldn't have a job.

At the moment, if my husband works on the weekend he does receive penalties. I must admit the extra money is nice - we have a mortgage and every little bit extra helps.

Although if we had the choice we would still rather have him with us and we would economise elsewhere.

He works hard during the week and really needs that shared family time to relax and enjoy himself.

So my husband gives up a lot to work on weekends. The penalties he gets for working weekends is small compensation for not being able to spend time with us.

Please keep weekend work penalties - they are a small price to pay for what workers give up to work weekends.

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