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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 electrician, currently earning around \$65 per hour.

Married with two children, one a single mother the other a year 12 student. Wife is working full time. Currently paying off a mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished, people who choose to give up their weekend to earn a bit extra to go towards leisure activities such as future family holidays, or hobbies, will have more stress put on their weekly wage or will need to forego these extra treats.

My weekends are important to me because, I like to have time to relax and unwind with family and friends. I also like to have time for my other hobbies.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates, because these rates are the trade off for having to work and sacrificing time that could be spent with family and friends. If I am not able to go shopping or eat out at restaurants, because the weekend workers can have Monday to Friday jobs for normal pay and spend their weekends with their families, well and good.

Submitted by

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