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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 Teacher, currently earning around 28 per hour.

I am 38 with a young family and I am fortunate to now have small mortgage due mainly to working long hours mostly at weekends as a maintenance fitter. This has allowed me to go into a job which has much more family friendly hours with lower wages of course.

If penalty rates were abolished other young people would not be able to have these seem chances that I have had. It would also reduce my chance of earning extra money if situations changed and I needed more.

My weekends are important to me because of my family's activities. ..

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates so young people can get in front and then be able to enjoy time with their family

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