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## Submission to the Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

I am a employee, working as a , currently earning around per hour.

I have two adult sons who are doing their studies and are still having to live at home because of the cost of living.

If penalty rates were abolished...things would be even harder for people to make ends meet. These benefits have been hard won and most of the businesses don't look after their staff well

My weekends are important to me because...this is a time when people get a chance to unwind and have sometime to relax. So if you have to work it should be rewarded

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by

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