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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 team member, currently earning around \$10 per hour.

I am a high school student in VCE. My father is just starting up his own business in the field of youth and family therapy. Where businesses can rely upon weekends

If penalty rates were abolished... My part time job doesn't offer penalty rates for weekends we do get public holidays however and it would make a very big difference to others around me if they were abolished, people are giving up there holidays and weekends in order to sustain their lifestyle this needs to continue to be recognised and supported by penalty rates.

My weekends are important to me because... I am in VCE and I need weekends to

study, and use some of the weekend to purely relax as everyone everyone needs down time at least once a week. I have missed out on many events because I have been working.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

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