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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 nightshift loader, currently earning around 21.90 per hour.

i am 57 going to be single again soon, i have a grown up family. when the assets are split i will probably not be left with enough to put down and raise another mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished...I therefore will have to rent(as i am now) life in aus is not single person friendly!!! take away the penalties i might as well go on the centrelink! i work a permanent nightshift which earns me an extra 25% but i also have to give up my sunday as daytime jobs do not earn enough to live.

My weekends are important to me because...i used to be quite a social person. now i miss most if not all the sunday gatherings.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.and even increase them. as you have to be a survivor committed to work the odd hours that normal couples would not want to work, and quite right too, i have always been proud to work and succeed in reaching my goals,take away my earning capacity, some people are just plain dumb.

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