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

I have always admired Senators Xenophon's fight for change on gambling laws in this country and believed him to be a fair and compassionate politician that stands by his principles and what he believes is right and fair for all Australians, which I thought was refreshing in today's political climate.

I was shocked to hear that he has put forward a bill to do away with penalty rates on weekends, this is totally un-Australian and so socially short sighted for peoples families and explosive of our youth.

This does not affect me as I work Monday to Friday but my son did work only on weekends at popular hardware store when he first started for quite a long time because nobody else wanted to work on the weekends.

People should be paid a penalty rate for the sacrifice of losing time with friends and family.

I hate how this excuse from big business that the economy is being held back by

Australia's IR laws and how some billionaires that never worked a hard days work in their life other than investing there inherited billions in mines and campaigning against a mining tax.

What a wonderful place it would be if we were more competitive and profitable if we could get most working people to work for \$2 a day.

If so many companies are finding it hard and not profitable to open on Sunday then don't open on Sunday.

Senator Xenophon should be ashamed or has he sold out to big Business proper gander or just plain stupid.

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