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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 Nurse, currently earning around 40 per hour.

I am a busy mom of two toddlers, thanks to weekend penalty rates I can work for 3 days instead of 5 days. I work weekends and my husband looks after the kids on weekends

If penalty rates were abolished, I would need to work full time and my kids as young as they are should go to daycare, for we won't be having any other options

My weekends are important to me because I work most weekend as part time and get enough money to support family while my husband looks after kids on weekends, otherwise will be forced to put kids on day care when I work full time if they scrap

weekend penalties.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. We are begging you I want to work part time so I can take care of my two toddlers instead of them goin to day care. I would be force to work full time and will have no choice for my toddlers to go to day care for 5 days, they are too young and I want to be the one looking after them

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