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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 Bar Attendant, currently earning around 23 per hour.

I am currently studying a Masters of Social Science at Newcastle University.

If penalty rates were abolished I would lose hundreds of dollars every week which I rely on to pay my bills while at Uni.

My weekends are important to me because that is when the social events take place. I often miss social events due to working weekends so it is only right that I am compensated with a higher rate of pay.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates, thousands of poor students like myself would be open to unreasonable levels of exploitation if they are abolished, as it is hard

enough to make ends meet now. Without weekend rates I could simply not afford to study, which is essential if I am to end my poverty cycle.

Submitted by

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