

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee
On Education Employment
And Workplace Relations
Po Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sirs

Re Fair Work Amendment (small business Penalty Rate Exemption Bill)

I own and run a small business in Melbourne ,in St Kilda and employ less than 20 employees.

I wish to provide my unequivocal support for the passage of this bill through Parliament as my labour costs have been spiralling and blown out since the introduction of the Restaurant Industry award regulating wages and penalty rates.

Not only is it now getting to the point that my business may not survive but if penalty rates were infact abolished my business would be more viable on the weekends and I would consider hiring more employees.

Consumers expect restaurants to be open 24/7 yet this can only be commercially viable and achieved through de-regulation of the mandatory penalty rates applied under the Modern industrial award.

Yours faithfully and desperately

Peter Tzambazis
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St Kilda Pier Kiosk and Little blue restaurant