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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 Console operator, currently earning around 700.00 per hour.

I have a mortage and work most weekends.

If penalty rates were abolished... not only would I find it difficult but I would have to stop adding extra payment's to my super fund.

My weekends are important to me because...As stated before I work most weekends and I exspect compensation. If penalty rates are abolished I will seek other employment that doesn't require my to work weekends, leaving my employer to work weekends.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. This is important to the Australian worker.

Its show us that the our efforts men something. If penalty rates are taken away what are you going to tell the Australian worker, you dont deserve to be compensated for being away from your family on a weekend. Yours efforts mean nothing to us.

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