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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 Electrician, currently earning around \$50 per hour.

I work in the mining industry
1 week off. 12 hour days.

. I work 4 weeks on

If penalty rates were abolished... I wouldn't even bother working in my same industry, I'd be better off stacking shelves at Woolworths. It would mean my dreams of owning a house would be over and my faith in our country as the fair go country would be over.

My weekends are important to me because... that's where I earn the bulk of my money, If I didn't get penalty rates I just wouldn't work them and if my boss tried to make me I'd quit and go stack those shelves.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. It's part of what makes Australia such a great country the fact that we cherish our weekends. Life is meant for living not just working.

Submitted by

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