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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 Registered Nurse, currently earning around \$26.95 per hour.

I have a mortgage and a family and I have just finished 4 gruelling years at univeristy to get this degree and pay rate.

If penalty rates were abolished... I definitely would refuse to work weekends full stop.

My weekends are important to me because...it is a time to catch up with friends and family that go about their business from Monday to Friday and have weekends off.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. There is no way I am giving up my quality time of weekends for the pay of a normal week. If that becomes the case, then I would

rather not work weekends thank you.

Submitted by

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