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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 Firefighter, currently earning around \$30.00 per hour.

Married with 2 children. Already work too hard and give up my own time for my employer. Receive work related telephone calls after hours. What Tony Abbott and Nick Xenophon are trying to do is shameful. This is a disgrace. Weekends are sacred. If you want me to work when I should be recreating and rehabilitating you need to compensate me appropriately. Shame on you.

If penalty rates were abolished... Free reign to unprincipled employers. Wake up to yourselves. Don't try and turn our country into a sweatshop. Disgraceful.

My weekends are important to me because...Only chance I get to balance the work life

equation. This attack is unprecedented. I am sure politicians at all levels of Government would not stand for this intrusion into their personal circumstances. Disgraceful.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. This is the only way we are compensated for this overwhelming intrusion into the days put aside for our R&R including the Sabbath. This attack is unbelievable. Wake up before we end up a third world country.

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