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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 Ticketing Supervisor, currently earning around \$30 per hour.

I have a mortgage and work in the airlines industry, which is notoriously average in remuneration. I totally rely on the penalties I earn for night and weekend shifts

If penalty rates were abolished... My fortnightly take home pay would fall by \$400-\$600

My weekends are important to me because...all my friends and family are day-workers. I miss many many birthdays,picnics, even weddings because of my weekend rostered work

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by Michael Conway

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