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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 Nurse, currently earning around 28.83 per hour.

I have two children and husband. We do not have any blood relative here to support us but we have friends. I do have mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished, my salary will drop by nearly 350..

My weekends are important to me because, I can spend time with my kids and husband and also I miss all the functions such as birth days, wedding and funeral. When I work weekends I feel like socially isolated from my friends and relatives.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. At least I am getting penalty rates to work

weekends to sacrifice all my pleasure activities and socialisation

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