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Sir/madam, penalty rates for weekend work are important to me. The weekend is just that, time for recovering from the weeks work. My weekends are important to me for getting things done that I dont have time for other time, or for playing weekend sports or helping and watching other family members in the sporting competitions. Many aspects of life in Australia only occur on weekends. If my employer would like me to work on a Saturday or Sunday, I can possibly arrange it, but as compensation I require the extra penalty rates in my pay for the hardship I have had to go through where I now wont have time to do things I wanted to get done, or wont be able to see friends sporting events etc.

To state that a weekend be like a normal week day is not on. We value our weekends and for those who work them should be paid their penalty rates for going without their weekend.

Please do not go ahead with this bill. Thank you.

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