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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 Postal worker, currently earning around \$40,000 per year.

I am in a mixed family which consists of two stepsons, both of work part time and study.

Both are already struggling economically, and their lifestyles are much different to mine about 40 years ago.

If penalty rates were abolished... many many already low paid people, who for just that reason put most of the money they earn into the economy would spend less, quickening the downward spiral, it would be crazy.

My weekends are important to me because...I am one of millions of manual labor

workers and need some time to relax and recover.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Why do I never hear talk of encouraging our competitors to raise the wages and conditions of their workforces instead of dragging us down

What about making the wealthy pay their fair share.

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