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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 registered nurse, currently earning around 37 per hour.

I have an older family, children grown up and left home, My mortgage is paid off but my daughter lives over seas. Without penalty rates I could not afford to visit my children. I work permanent night duty but will cease doing so if penalty rates are stopped.

If penalty rates were abolished... I work permanent nights and weekends and would cease them if penalty rates cease. these rates boost my income by about 35%. I have canvaced my co workers and non of them will work nights or weekends if penalty rates cease.

My weekends are important to me because they are the time I spend with family and

friends as these are the days they have off. ...

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. If you need more money to run the public system then why not adopt the so-called ROBINHOOD TAX, this tax would be on financial dealings such as shares, futures ect, at .05% it is estimated that more than \$1 billion dollars would be raised!!!! I also note that when election time comes you politicians talk about cutting your perks and perks but once elections are over nothing is done, Oh yes while we nurses got a 2.5% raise, much less than CPI, you politicians gave yourselves a raise of some 30 to 40 percent. This goes along with perks such as superannuation which you do not contribute to(but I must and I am also a public employee) and after being elected twice you can access it while I must wait until I am at least 65 years old.

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