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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 , currently earning around per hour.

No

It wouldn't affect me personally, except for the fact that I like living in a country where workers are respected, where their lives outside of work are considered....

My weekends are important to me because...They are separate from the week days. Even though I've retired long ago, I still mark the weekends by doing something different from week days.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Weekends are part of the Australian psyche. If you want Australians to give up their weekends, then pay them for it or go

back to the days when everything was closed at weekends.....No? I didn't think so.  
Then show them you appreciate what they're giving up and pay them.

Submitted by

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