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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 fitter and tuner, currently earning around \$30 per hour.

I have a wife and three children and am paying off a loan for a house. My children are at school which adds more expense to our budget.

If penalty rates were abolished... how are workers on low income such as myself to survive as every day cost such asfuel, groceries, electricity are continually going up.I would lose up would of 6,000 \$ a year. All ready strugling to get by and not having enough to take my family on holidays what right do you as a senator who is over payed and keep putting your own wagers up have taking off us the under payed the ones you are surpost to be looking after.

My weekends are important to me because...the weekends are surpost to be for family time and catching up with friends. Where would quality of life be if it was left up to you.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.so normal families on low income can have a quality life with family and friends.

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