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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 enrolled nurse, currently earning around \$21 per hour.

I have a mortgage over my house,

I live alone.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would possibly have to sell my house to get by financially. I still have the excessive bills such as Power, Water, Rates, Taxes, etc; etc;

My weekends are important to me because... I earn penalty rates which help to pay the ever increasing bills inflicted upon me by so called inflation when it is only the greedy people who already have more money than they need, wanting more

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates, So I can afford to live a happy life and feel that I am

appreciated for my personal contribution to the betterment of our country, and not just a pariah in the existence of persons who only value their own worth by what they personally have.

Not by their contribution to other people's mental state', helping the downtrodden, the under educated, under privileged, workers that built Australia to world leadership, It's one thing to have money and be a philanthropist and give generously of your bank account then pat yourself on the back. It's another having to suffer the indignation of having to hold your hand out all the time, taking handouts.

Why do people turn to drugs, alcohol, crime, prostitution and other such deviancies to get by,

Because of people like our

Senator N Xenophon and his xenophobic views on society, who rules society and who is allowed advancement. Who is allowed to have money and who is not, if you look closely it is only the people who have are allowed to have more, whether it be money, power, a voice or whatever. Not every Australian is born with a Silver Spoon in their mouth.

I know nothing about Nick Xenophon, only I see him on the evening news quite often, but I am sure his platform to election to government was in some way to help his electorate not to abolish penalty rates for hard working Australians.

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