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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 sales assistant, currently earning around \$18 per hour.

I live alone and support myself, my family have grown and no longer live at home.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would greatly suffer as I work 3 weekends out of 4 and Thursday nights as well, not sure as to how much I would lose but I am sure it would be substantial

My weekends are important to me because...all of my family work full time and have weekends off. I come home to an empty house every night so weekends are the only time I can catch up with them. I do not live close to any of my family so really cant visit week nights as time doesnt permit.I have missed many family get togethers because of

my work.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.as it is a very small compensation to make amends for missing so much precious family time.When you support yourself at my age you dont really have much of a choice for employment so you have to take what you can get.It does make me very sad at times when I cant attend family or friends functions.

Submitted by

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