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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 port officer, currently earning around 40 per hour.

i have two children attending primary school, a mortgage, a no frills life because we cant afford luxuries due to the increased cost of living and i do not have any money in the bank to fall back on.

If penalty rates were abolished.my salary and superannuation would be affected. my ability to provide for my family would decrease and my guess is that I would chose to not work weekends for nothing and my corporate boss would notice the effect on their bottomline as week end production would cease.

My weekends are important to me because...i have only two off per month so I need to

catch up on those things most others do on their weekends off. i am regularly missing out on all sorts of events,engagements and functions because I have to work.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. to abolish penalty rates would see yet another nail in the coffin of this facist government.

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