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## Submission to the Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

I am a employee, working as a Registered Nurse, currently earning around \$35 per hour.

I am a single mother of 1 child, with a mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would certainly not work weekends. I give up my weekends to earn more money so I can afford a few luxuries for my daughter and myself. Time with my friends and family are given up so all of this could happen. My income would be so low I would have to work another 20 hrs to make ends meet

My weekends are important to me because If I wasn't working I would be spending time with my family and friends, going out, having fun. Doing lots of activities that are only available on the weekends

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

If penalties are taken away I believe people such as myself would not work weekends.

There needs to be some incentive to work. No one in their right mind would work weekends if they didn't have to. Bit by bit families will be torn apart, before you know it there will be no such thing as family life, it will become more fragmented. It will only lead to more problems for families and soon we will all be single people living single lives

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