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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 registered nurse, currently earning around \$37.00 per hour.

I am 60 years old and married, my children do not live with us as they are now adults. I have paid off my mortgage and am now planning on retiring in the next 5 years.

If penalty rates were abolished...I would not work night duty nor would I work on the weekends! My income would be reduced by 40 to 50 percent as I work permanent nights and weekends.

My weekends are important to me because..I take the time to visit with friends and family.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Penalty rates should be kept because we work unsociable hours, these hours reduce time with family and friends and make it difficult to transport children to events

Submitted by

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