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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 NDT technician, currently earning around 30 per hour.

I am undergoing a traineeship, I have five children and a mortgage to pay.

If penalty rates were abolished my income would be greatly impacted. I work weekends during shutdowns and getting overtime rates on weekends makes the long weeks worth the hardship.

My weekends are important to me because this is supposed to be time off from working to spend with the family. If you sacrifice the weekend for work there should be incentive.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. I am outraged that we middle to low income workers put our faith in our government to look after us and this is what they come up with. Disbelief....

Submitted by

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