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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 EEN student RN, currently earning around 25 per hour.

I'm a full time student I receive no support from the government as I live at home, I work 2 days a week as this is the maximum I can fit around study. Weekends help me have money so I can attend studies for the week and many buy some food. How do you want us to stay working when there is no incentive.

I would not work weekends not at all even if it meant going on unemployment benefits, I spend my life away from family and the extra bit on weekends is a recognition of this. Take that away and you take away the Australian nursing force

My weekends are important to me because... They are weekends family time there is

recognition of the hard work and commitment your provide to your employer

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Me I'm important as so is every other person who works weekends. You try studying and working with just enough money to get you through the week. Really is this what it needs to come to what a shame and what a stupid idea come on wake up and gimme everyone a fair go

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