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

If penalty rates were abolished... my working poor friends receiving stuff from Vinnies recently, would be even poorer.

My weekends are important to me because I catch up with friends some at some distance and we arrange events special to us such as Project Hindmarsh tree planting and bush walking.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

An orderly in a Private Hospital visiting new partner in hospital for a couple of days locked

the child in the laundry to avoid home 'being wrecked while away for the day'

A friend working mostly weekends after receiving notice of their rented place being redeveloped, he moved into a rooming house and she into a women's house, then into a share house which lasted two weeks for her.

A backpacker told me personally & directly of receiving unwanted

touching of breasts and buttocks from the boss in a small business losing penalty rates  
she would have to stay in that work longer.

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