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

I am a casual employee, working as a Sales Assistant at _____, currently earning around 23.23 per hour.

I am a student at _____ University, struggling to succeed academically while working at _____ to pay the rent. I receive no income help from my parents or friends. I would like to go on to do post-graduate work, but my work takes many hours from me.

I would lose up to a thousand dollars a year, so too would those I know.

Because I usually do not have time to spend with friends or family. I do not live at home with my family and the only time I can be with my sisters is on the weekend, but usually I have to work.

I barely have time to exercise, being a full time student.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Please, the penalty rates were introduced for a reason, we do lose important parts of our lives by working on the weekend, and our pay should acknowledge this.

Submitted by

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