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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 support worker, currently earning around 24 per hour.

I have a mortgage and have a long way to go.

If penalty rates were abolished... families will be impacted through reduced incomes and more pressure on parents to be away from home outside of school hours. This is bad for the emotional and educational life of children.

My weekends are important to me because...its time to get together with friends and family for recreational and cultural purposes.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Penalty rates are there for a reason.

Someone sacrifices family or social life to be there and they will not be getting a pension like yours.

Submitted by

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