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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 stevedore, currently earning around 25 per hour.

I am a father of 2 boys 6 & 7 happily married

If penalty rates were abolished... my wage would reduce by around 30 to 50% as I work varying shifts of day evening and nights 7 days a week

My weekends are important to me because...its family time with the kids heavily involved now in basketball music football and its a time to give my wife a release to work herself which is great for her mentally and good for us financially because of penalty rates

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.as the cost of living is sky rocketing without penalty rates I cant see how we could survive financially its that simple we would have to sell our house change the kids school sell our cars etc etc its scarey to think about

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