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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 driver, currently earning around \$22.32 per hour.

i am married with four children,

i struggle to pay our mortgage and bills school books etc

If penalty rates were abolished... this would cut into my weekly income losing up to 20% of my earning i always work a Saturday or Sunday shift every week it is the only way i can keep the bank away from taking our family home.

My weekends are important to me because...i have to work one of the days of the weekend to pay my bills and i miss out on family occasions all the time.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

this will force me to either give up my job as i would be better off on centrelink benefits.also it would force me to work both days of the weekend to make ends meet.and have no family life at all

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