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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 boat skipper, currently earning around 25 per hour.

Hard working Aussie with a family 2 kids and a massive mortgage just trying to keep pace with the cost of living.

If penalty rates were abolished... i would stop working weekends as the pay would not be sufficient to compensate for the time away from family and friends.

My weekends are important to me because... I work alot of them so there fore should be compensated for the time away from my family life and for the social events that i give up to Work.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. as it keeps the country running, if they go 99% of people will stop working weekends nights etc and then shops will close and more jobs will be lost.

Submitted by

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