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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 Carer, currently earning around 20 per hour.

I'm a part paid pensioner.

If penalty rates were abolished my private rent payments would be half my pension payment instead of a third.

My weekends are important to me because I'm the warden at my local Church for one of the Sunday services. I organise readers, collectors and someone to distribute the chalice. I help tidy away after the service also.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. I know others on part pensions who need penalty rates when they work weekends to keep them from falling below the poverty

line.

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