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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 School Administrative Manager, currently earning around \$29.75 per hour.

I am married, with four adult children. We own our own home due to hard work and going without. I continue to study language and technology for pleasure and to keep up to date.

If penalty rates were abolished... it would impact on young people, and some of my children who work in retail and hospitality.

My weekends are important to me because...it gives me family time in a busy working life, time also for me as a working wife and mother. Time to wind down from the hectic week. I have always taken my kids to soccer, tai kwon do, dance, pottery and assisted

behind the scenes.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. It would be a backward step for Australians. What did we fight for? No good reason to change life here as we know it. Think about the workers, we're the ones who keep the wheel turning.

Submitted by

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