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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 train driver, currently earning around \$ 32 per hour.

I have family. My kids are in high school. I have mortgage. Prices of everything are high. It is hard to meet both ends without penalties.

If penalty rates were abolished then my income would reduce approximately \$ 25,000 a year. It will be very hard to survive in that way.

My weekends are important to me because weekends are to socialise in the society, to spend time with kids and family. I would miss out sport and other special events and local festivals.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates to save our social lives and human status in this world.

Submitted by

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