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I have an 18 year old daughter who works full-time and earns 330.00 per week she has had to move away from home for this work. Her work includes every Sunday and every public holiday, which she gets penalty rates for. This is what helps to bring up her wage. Please explain to me how this removal of penalty rates helps our economy. The impact for her would be devastating to her earning capacity, ability to spend, afford to live away from home and have a secure fulltime job. Do we not have enough unemployed people in our society? This will affect our university students who work weekends to help towards their basic living, to allow them to attend university they forgo their weekends to be able to earn money to pay rent, eat and this is a basic human right. Remove this and you put Australia in a very dangerous situation of unemployment rates skyrocketing, an educated society not occurring and sadly put pressure on already fragile economic situations. Letting the fat cats get richer and the poorer get poorer does nothing for the future of our Country.

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