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Submission to the Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

I am a employee, working as a stevedore, currently earning around 27 per hour.

i am a hard working man who works shiftwork to maintain a decent wage by choosing to work these shifts i sacrifice my time and life balance to provide adequately for my family/life expenses/food and education without the penalty rates we would be destitute and a burden on the community

If penalty rates were abolished we would transgress back to the days of servanthood and this country would fall back to being a third world country with master/servant ratios of 200 years ago but i assure you this would not last long as the people would rise and governments would be removed quickly and democratically as no person wants to be poor again!!!!!!

My weekends are important to me because because the one in five that i get off makes me realise what i have had to give up to earn a living my social life doesnt exist any more and u become a stranger in your own community you generally cannot attend events/social gatherings/sports/recreational activities because commitments to work are always hindering you because when you have time off nobody else has !!!!!!

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates as they are a fair means of rewarding all those people who sacrifice their lives so the rest of the world may enjoy the lifestyle they have been used to !!!!!

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