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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 Senior Nurse, currently earning around \$42 per hour.

Parent of 3 grown up children

If penalty rates were abolished... would not effect me personally, but I think it would seriously effect young people starting out in employment, it,s another politician making political mileage out of working people, to gain influence with the 'Business sector'. When have employers ever given? without the action of organised labour.

My weekends are important to me because...

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by

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