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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 software specialist, currently earning around 25 per hour.

I live in and am an IT expert

If penalty rates were abolished... I would loose a small fortune when working on weekends NOT just time to relax and the employee's in our business would be worse off, a race to the bottom for everyone who works.

My weekends are important to me because...

they provide time to see family and friends and server as common time for people in the community to meet and enjoy a DESERVED break from working. I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

When government workers and politicians All work weekends perhaps a 7 day working week with 12hr a day shifts with alternating night/day rosters and have their penalty rates abolished as an example to the community, to maximize their efficiency.

A bill like this would hold some credence.

I want to be able to talk to my local minister at 2am in the morning since all time is equal to all other time, with no inherit value at all and visit government services at 4am on a Sunday, where workers get paied one low rate all week night and day.

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