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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 storeman, currently earning around \$48k per year.

We have a mortgage, two dependent children,

My wife works and wishes she didn't have to.

Can't afford a new car and just manage to make ends meet.

If penalty rates were abolished... I don't often work on the weekends but when I have the opportunity I jump at it because the rates are an added bonus.

I think the sunday should be a day of no shopping, but that penalty rates should be maintained for those who have to work, like carers and hospital workers etc.

My weekends are important to me because...it's time I can spend with my family and friends.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Please stop pandering to the retailers who should be home with their families and keep their shops closed on the Sunday.

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