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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 fitter, currently earning around 20 per hour.

family with morgage

If penalty rates were abolished... I sacrifice my nights and weekends working shifts at penalty rates so my family can afford to have decent standard of living and afford a morgage. My income would be reduced by an estimated 30%

My weekends are important to me because...that is the only time i get to spend with my kids when i do get them off.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. The removal of penalty rates would decimate my wages and put my family in dire finacial trouble. If i do work weekends

and night shifts i expect to be compensated for sacrificing my time away from my family

Submitted by glen mitchell Saturday 15th of September 2012