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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 master, currently earning around \$36 per hour.

Hi, I'm single and since my wife passed away 7 years ago, I found it was easier to do FI/FO work to pay the bills.

It's simple 7 years ago I started doing the grocery shop and a packet of Birdseye fish pieces was between \$4&4.50 now \$7.80& 8.50.

Wages have followed the bills.

If penalty rates were abolished..the corporate thieves will only get richer.

My weekends are important to me because..
family life.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

It's hard enough for the young people to buy a house now. This used to be the lucky country, keep it up and no normal Aussie will own jack sh.. or will have a debt until they die.

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