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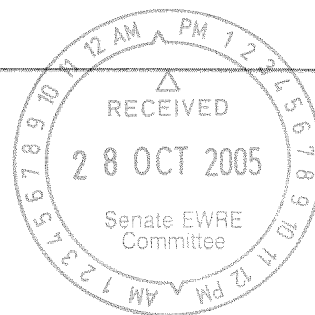
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To the Government,
I have 2 basic questions:

- 1) Just how will this change create more jobs? Not the warm and fuzzy skirting around the questions type answer but the facts, stats and figures that support this statement you keep ramming down my neck.
- 2) Just how will this transpire into higher wages? Once again I would like the nuts and bolts answer rather than the airy fairy references so far given by the government.

I have also noticed that in the blanket advertising for these changes, (how many of my tax dollars have they cost as of now?), the wording always states 'higher wages' but it is never actually voiced in the ads..... sometimes the things left unsaid are the loudest!

These changes do NOT guarantee any jobs or any higher wages for anyone and in particular for the unskilled and semi-skilled workers. Who in their right mind would work shift-work or weekends without being paid penalty rates for them? Oh, yes they are 'enshrined' by law aren't they? But then again you don't seem to mind changing laws at the drop of a hat. And anything already in an agreement may be protected but that means very little the minute that agreement's time runs out. Who is going to guarantee that all future agreements will contain the same conditions?

The Prime Minister is showing his arrogance and ignorance of the real world if he thinks people are just able to turn around and get another job. Working part-time in some mind numbing position is not necessarily better than not working at all.

How dare you undermine this country's proud tradition of unionism and a fair go for all.

Yours sincerely,
Janine Smith.