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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 AIN, currently earning around 21 per hour.

I work as a Dementia Specific Nurse on Night shift Thur Fri Sat Sun, I have a dependant wife and a mortgage

If penalty rates were abolished... it would mean I would have to seek other employment as I rely on weekend penalty rates to boost a low base salary to repay my mortgage and pay every day expenses, this is the reason I work weekends

My weekends are important to me because...they allow me to earn a decent wage.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Saturdays and Sundays are and always will be special days, leave them as they are, hands off penalty rates!!

Submitted by

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