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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 Autoglazier, currently earning around \$24.00 per hour.

I have a family with a mortgage on our house and we are not getting any younger to pay it off . So we work very hard and pay our taxes like all good citizens hoping that one day we can be part of the great Australian dream to own our own little piece Australia .

If penalty rates were abolished... My family would have worked hard to achieve nothing just because a politician who does not live in the real world , and who lives out of the pocket of some corporation somewhere , thinks that we give up our time with family for extra money if we didn't, have to . Reduced rates would have a very real effect on our lives as we work toward our retirement years .

My weekends are important to me because...My family is dispersed over the great expanse of our great nation , so when we get a chance to get together at weekends we grasp the opportunity .

There have also been weekends where I have had to work instead of being with my family , and now I am told that penalty rates may be dropped on a politicians whim , because he thinks that we don,t deserve them anymore , pleaseeeeeee , don,t insult my intelligence .

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.this nation of Australia was built on the back of the worker who through many years working under trying conditions and low pay , while politicians who couldn't give a hoot about the real people out there slogging it out every day just to keep their roof over the head of their family's and put some food on a plate , not to mention how they treat our farmers who have in past years done it really tough in the bush , with little or no help from Canberra .

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