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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 Registered Nurse, currently earning around \$41 per hour.

I have a wife and 3 children living with and pay child support for a daughter living with my ex.

I have not seen the daughter living with my ex because I cannot afford to go through the legal system anymore

If penalty rates were abolished... I would suffer a large loss to my income. I work every second weekend and give up seeing my step-son play representative baseball.

Working weekends also means that I have great difficulties seeing my family as they live in Canberra and work full time

My weekends are important to me because...they give me a chance to catch up with my family who all live in Canberra. It is also a chance for me to have "family time" and go away for weekends with my family or take them to see some of the attractions in Sydney. I can also see my step-son play representative baseball

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

Submitted by

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