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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 Technician, currently earning around \$35 per hour.

I have a wife and two children currently paying off a mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished I would be significantly worse off as part of my job does require me to work reasonable overtime.

My weekends are important to me because when I'm not working I take time to catch up on the things not done during the week like spending time with family. I also help officiate the local little athletics club.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. as the weekend is a special time that

should not be taken away from us.

Submitted by

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