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Submission to the Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Small Business-Penalty Rates Exemption) Bill 2012

I am a casual employee, working as a , currently earning around per hour.

If penalty rates were abolished...

My weekends are important to me because...I remember when I was working that weekends made working life bearable. I also remember working 44 hours per week (standard then ) and how good it felt not to have to work Sat. mornings

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates or increase "normal" rates so that workers don't have to work weekends to live.

Submitted by Ian MacLeod Wednesday 19th of September 2012