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I am a permanent employee, working as a teacher, currently earning around 57 per hour.

I have a family with one child, a high interest rate mortgage. My wife does not work and we are currently living week to week. I have a part time job in hospitality on weekends.

If penalty rates were abolished... I stand to lose my weekend employment as it will not be viable for me to work for less as I will not be able to afford to pay mortgage, bills etc. as well as feed my family

My weekends are important to me because...working full time in the city during the week and 1 day in hospitality on weekends this time is the only real time I get to spend with my family and assist my daughter in her education. Currently every time we turn

around the government has introduced new (sometimes totally irrelevant) taxes and charges, electricity has risen 70% over the last few years. To take from people in this extremely difficult, government induced, financial times is just morally reprehensible

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. To maintain a standard of living in this country that has dropped dramatically for the general population. I realise that politicians with their benefits etc do not suffer from this but I challenge any politician to take my place and circumstances for a period of 3 months, (a week or two is meaningless) and see if they could survive

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