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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 linesman, currently earning around 26 per hour.

wife 2 children all at work age

If penalty rates were abolished... i am concerned for my childrens quality of life as they are both attending school or university and will need to work during this time and a lowering of their take home pay will make their quality of life substandard and also make living outside the family home ie independent unattainable any reduction in penalty rates to any worker either full time or casual is not acceptable dont attack the pays of kids / if a business wont reduce its profit margin and suggests the only reason its in trouble is because of penalty rates perhaps they should not be in business .i bet the reduction in wages would not be passed onto the consumer it would only top up the

profit margin /get real mr zenaphon

My weekends are important to me because... family obviously if u work weekends now you are doing to improve your financial situation much like the business you work for

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. to keep a better quality of life for our younger workers so they can afford to buy houses/cars etc thus keeping the big financial wheel turning not just small business profit takers

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