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Now retired, I have worked for many years and seen many changes in society. While it is very convenient to shop around the clock, I see that community organisations are growing ever weaker, partly because people are working when they used to have time off. I think penalty rates are a good way to reward workers for providing necessary services on weekend and public holidays and discouraging employers from opening unnecessarily.

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