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

I am a employee, working as a Train Guard, currently earning around \$29 per hour.

I am a Train Guard working for RailCorp who provides a service to the community to get to work and other issues they have to rely on for transport.

If penalty rates were abolished...it would seriously affect Public Transport as well as other Essential Services who work 24x7 to service the public community, my loss would be in the \$1000's over a 12 month period and would seriously affect my family lifestyle that we have become accustomed to by just having a job to service the community.

My weekends are important to me because...I work weekends operating the trains for the Sydney public transport community who would not get around without either the

Trains or Buses on weekends, as far as special events go as Train Crew we do not have a social life due to our hours of work and restrictions put on us just to service the public transport community, so therefore is weekend penalty rates are cut you can forget about public transport for Easter, Christmas and New Years Eve it just won't happen, and also forget about special events like football grand finals where up to 80,000 people rely on public transport to get them there.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. and if they do abolish them then they should go a step further and take away ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT BENEFITS TO POLITICIANS, take away their COMMONWEALTH VEHICLES and make them pay like all the so called Constituents they are supposed to represent, I do not believe today's Politicians have any idea of what the general public are going through just to survive day to day.

And I hope people remember Senator Xenophon next election.

Submitted by

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