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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 nurse, currently earning around \$24 per hour.

I have a mortgage

If penalty rates were abolished I would receive less money.

My weekends are important to me because all my friends catch up then. If I have to work when everyone else is enjoying a break I deserve compensation.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Nursing is hard enough without losing penalty rates that make the job worthwhile. If there are no penalties provided why would anyone want to work on a weekend? I wouldn't. Not a smart move when hospitals are already understaffed. Try to find a casual to work on a weekend when

there are no penalty rates provided. There goes the health system.

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