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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 ain, currently earning around 21.5681 per hour.

I am caring for my daughter full time 24/7 and work Saturdays and Sundays to make my wages  I am 72 and still have a mortage a hugh elec bill,per favour of the gov and the usual costs of living i dont want to live on the bread line I work long hours not to

If penalty rates were abolished... I would be very angry this is what the unions fought for and now  the gov is trying to take them away. The cost of living got us these ratesi n the first place as people had to work longer hrs and days to earn a paultry living as is the same situation now I say no way and advise every one to join the union

My weekends are important to me because...this is how I pay my way its simple the

cost of living is very high and we need every penny we earn to survive we must not go backwards and this is a backwards move

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.Our union won these rates for our efforts working such long hours and misssing out on weekends we must make a stand ,Our education  system is being raped our health system is a mess  cost of living is so high talk about a bannana republic the politicians live like Kings and they want our paultry weekend rates because instead of running our beautiful country they spend willy nilly and then panic when they see the results of their ways and grab money any way they can to cover
their excesses

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