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I am a permanent employee, working as a midwife, currently earning around $38.oo per hour.

I am a mother of 2 daughters and have a grandchild on the way. My husband and I have a mortgage and we currently care for my aged mother.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would probable work less weekend shift- (as a midwife I self roster) because both my daughters work monday to friday.
I estimate my wage would drop approx $900 per fortnight depending on what worked

My weekends are important to me because...
*Our daughter work in mon-Fri Employment and not working at weekends would make it much easier to catch up

* I frequently miss family get-togethers and Birthday parties because of working commitments.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.
Until such time as: I can mow my lawn and use louder garden machinary 24/7
until I can send my children to school when I work
until I can go to a bank or local member's office 24/7
these are just a few of the inconveniencies I have had to overcome and if the system is to change if favour of lost penalty rates , I believe it should go the entire distance and not just to benefit the few. Please remember Us in this fight!

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