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I am a permanent employee, working as a Nurse, currently earning around $35 per hour.

I trained as a mature aged student so did not join the work force until I was 36 yrs. I have a mortgage and am trying to accumulate some superannuation. I am 50 now and have children and grandchildren, i would rather spend the weekends with them but I take my turn of weekends and night duty and evening shift. I work xmas day and miss out on family lunches. I will leave nursing if I am not compensated for these sacrifices.

If penalty rates were abolished...
I would leave nursing. I would rather work regular hrs which are so much better for your health. I work weekend and night shifts but if I was not compensated adequatly I would leave. My income would be significantly reduced if penalty rates were abolished

and I could not afford my mortgage.

I would love to have weekends off to spend time with my family (husband,children and grandchildren).I work weekends evening shifts night shifts xmas and easter. Not because I want to but because as a nurse I have to. My family and I all suffer because of this but at least I am financially compensated.I would not continue in this profession if I am not paid penalty rates.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.

I am a Registered nurse who would dearly love to have weekends Xmas and Easter off, I wish I did not have to work night shifts and evening shifts. I miss out on so much tim with my husband, children and grand children. And the rotating rosters are very bad for my health, BUT I WORK THEM BECAUSE I AM A NURSE IN A HOSPITAL AND I HAVE TO TAKE MY TURN LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. IF I LOOSE PENALTY RATES I WILL NOT CONTINUE TO WORK IN A HOSPITAL.I also support all industry in their rights for penalty rates, anyone who thinks they can take these away is clearly out of touch with working Australians

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