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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 fitter, currently earning around 35 per hour.

I am a 43 year old married man with 2 kids,I work shift work which keeps me away from my wife and kids on weekends as i work 2 of them a month. .

If penalty rates were abolished... I work in power stations so I know how valuable it is to have staff on the job to prevent the boilers from shutting off and thats because staff is on site. they do a great job where i work as it is a 40 year old plant. I have bills like all families and with the cost of everything going up, if i was to loose 25 % of my wages (penalty rates for shift working) i would leave and find a 9 to 5 job monday to friday and spend time with my family on my weekends as they wont be kids forever.

My weekends are important to me because...I work 2 weekends a month and you

wouldnt believe how many events,, family, sporting, weddings etc i have missed because i have to be at work and with having penalty rates its what drives me to go to work so I can earn extra money to give my family a better life style then what i had as a kid.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.Basically the general worker is being screwed by the goverment and I have had enough. I am prepared to strike and fight for our rights which has taken us years to get and to think 1 person is going to try and take all this away from us. NOT FAIR

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