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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 , currently earning around per hour.

I have a family and what you're doing is pure evil.

If penalty rates were abolished... My family would struggle more than what we are already and we would suffer in just about every possible way. Worse still, we could end up defaulting on our mortgage. And then what?

My weekends are important to me because...It allows me to spend quality time with my family - particularly my children. If my employer wants me to sacrifice my quality time with my wife and kids, the very least he could is compensate me accordingly. Doing this would indeed be a token gesture.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates because I and millions of other people want to have a life and I feel that we're already enslaven enough as it is without your extremist ideas and policies making it even worse.

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