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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 EN, currently earning around $26 per hour.

I have a mortgage. My husband works as a theatre orderly I have a disabled son and an 18 year old who doesnt have a job

If penalty rates were abolished.I would loose my house because i work full time night duty wednesday through Saturday nights. I would loose a lot of my pay and would not be able to live on my pay. I would probably leave nusing to get a different job if there is no weekend penalties

My weekends are important to me because... I miss spending time with my family .I have missed weddings .I miss birthdays. Anything that happens on the weekend I miss out on but I do it because weekends has the best money and I need that to pay off my

mortgage.I would loose my home if they took away the weekend penalties.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates.Staff only work weekends to make ends meet. I dont like not seeing my children or my husband . But it is all worthwhile to work weekend to have our own home.We do miss out on so much but the pay keeps our head above water

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