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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 Carer, currently earning around \$800.00 per week.

I do have a mortgage of \$200.00, and I am 59 years old. I am paying \$347.00 per week for my mortgage. I do work weekends and this is the good think that helps me to pay my bills and my mortgage.

If penalty rates were abolished... I would not be able to pay my mortgage and my reguler bills. I my have to become homless. Loose my house to the bank as I would realy struggle to meet my financial obligations. My weekly income will be reduced to approximatelly \$580.00 per week.

My weekends are important to me because...Whan I am at work I get better weekly

pay, but whan I am off shifts weekends are good time to visit my 4 children and spend time with them and my grand children. I also watch my grand son play AFL.

I urge the committee to keep penalty rates. Please do not abolishe the weekend penalty rates. I am too old to start again . I am a very good worker and I dont deserve to be punished for my dedicated and hard work by taking away my weekend penalty.

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