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To whom it may concern,

Often we say the “average” wage. Is there actually an average? Penalty rates are what many of the “average” of us rely on. Yes there are tips but the penalty rates are what many strive for to keep their heads above water. In the current climate I struggle to see how we can keep taking away from the “average” and keep increasing everything else.

I look at my daughter who is putting herself through university and expected to live off a part time wage at McDonalds (Sunbury) who by the way do not pay penalty rates..... perhaps you need to look into this! But fair is fair, the majority of us are not on salaries anywhere your mark so you truly do not understand the penalty rate cut effect.

Then there is the public holidays..... Victoria has seen many of these already taken away and you want to cut these further????? leave the “average” alone. We rely on that odd day off to rest, relax and take a break.

Quite frankly you all have no idea in your ivory towers wearing rose coloured glasses..... “average”

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