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Weekend work has always been seen as undesirable since the introduction of the 8 hour day and 5 day work week. As a result of this, work done outside of “business hours” should naturally attract a premium rate of pay for those willing to sacrifice the benefits provided by this societally agreed upon leisure time. Removing penalty rates is a slap in the face of those who may need to work more in order to support their families or to handle the growing cost of living. They should be protected at all costs to ensure that businesses that choose to operate on the weekend and reap the rewards of such are paying their fair share of those rewards to the staff that are prepared to help keep the doors open for them. A lot of people would simply choose not to work on the weekend as a matter of principle. Let’s make sure that those that do (myself included) are remunerated accordingly as a result.

Yours sincerely,  
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