

Save our weekend.

To the Club Manager and Directors,

Weekends and the notion of a "fair go for all" are a fundamental part of our Australian way of life. The Fair Work Commission's recent decision on penalty rates exposes workers in the hospitality industry to a pay cut and undermines the notion of the weekend as an important time for family and community for all of us.

Hospitality workers are some of the lowest paid people in the country. They regularly give up time with their friends and families to work so that the rest of us can enjoy our time off. I, like the vast majority of Australians, wholeheartedly support people who work on weekends and public holidays receiving penalty rates. We do not support a cut to wages for these workers.

Local clubs are community organisations and as such you have a responsibility to uphold the standards and expectations of the community in which you operate.

Clubs Australia recently announced its intention to seek to abolish the Clubs Award which would subject people who work in clubs to a cut to their Sunday and public holiday pay rates.

Like many hospitality businesses, clubs rely on staff putting their lives, families and leisure activities on hold to enable them to better serve the local community. Club workers now find themselves on the front line of this attack on their wages and they deserve your support.

Your club now has a choice to make. You can support your staff and commit to maintaining their wages or you can support the push to cut their wages. I – along with many others in our local community – am very interested in your response and I urge you to do the right thing by your staff.

I ask you to commit that you will not cut the wages of your staff – regardless of the final outcome in the Fair Work Commission. I also ask you to call on Clubs Australia to withdraw their attempt to cut the wages of club workers across the country.

You can confirm your support for your staff by signing and returning the attached pledge.

The people who work every weekend in your club deserve your support and your commitment to protect their wages.

Yours sincerely,

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