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## **Text of submission**

Not having the security of permanent work affects every aspect of an individual's or a families daily life. I have only recently had the security of a permanent position however prior to this I had over 10 years of living week by week, if I didn't work I wasn't paid, if I was sick I wasn't paid. At the same time I was raising 5 children on my own which was probably my only life-line as I did have the security of Family Tax Benefit. This affected my health, it affected the time I could spend with my children, it affected what I could afford to allow my children to participate in. Holiday's meant going without many other things or just not having a holiday. To say that individuals and families can function in a normal way without financial security is ridiculous.

Another example is my 20 year old son who has a partner and a 1 year old son. He works 5-6 days a week alternate from 4-8pm delivering bread and has just started a second job which he begins at 9am and finishes at varying times.

He does not know until 8am whether he is needed for work that day and his days vary so that he may work as little as 1 day a week. His partner works 5 days a week 4-7 hours a day on a 7 day roster and they have to manage between them to be home to care for their son. They cannot take holidays without it heavily affecting them financially. My son is struggling to stay awake at the end of the day to ensure that his son is kept safe but he cannot afford to give up either job as he has financial responsibilities. The hours that both parties need to work is impacting on their relationship and the physical and emotional needs of the family as a whole. To say that this family is not affected by the insecurity of work is also absolutely ridiculous.



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