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| Dear Fair Work Commission ,  I wish to submit a request for the minimum wage to be raised by $5.00 per hour, to ease the stress and struggles of the full time low paid workers to survive with today’s cost of living.  The current national minimum wage is $20.33 per hour which is equivalent to $722.60 a week before Tax. Under the award that I am currently employed, which is the “Vehicle repair, services and retail award 2020 MA000089” my hourly rate of pay is $22.46 per hour for a level 4 grade employee, this is only $2.13 more than the Minimum wage.  The cost of living in my personal circumstance is,  Rent: $550 per week  Groceries: $120 per week  Fuel: $80 minimum per week  Just these expenses consume my income. Other living costs such as:  Utilities:  Home insurance:  Motor vehicle maintenance, insurance, and registration:  Private Health cover:  My net weekly income does not cover.  As a permanent full time, worker, working 38 hours a week I should have an income that covers the cost of living, without struggling to cover these other costs.  As a working member of the Australian society that struggles to cover the basic cost of living, how am I or anyone working 38 hours a week and earning less than $25 per hour supposed to cover the cost of living and support local businesses and support the Australian economy.  From  Simon Barlow |
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