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<b>Occupation (if available)</b>	Primary school teacher				
<b>Text of submission</b>	<p>I am a 28 year old, male, Queensland primary teacher. I am engaged to a woman in Toowoomba, but both of us are still living with our parents in order to save money for a house to move into.</p> <p>I am currently completing a contract at a school which is 50 minutes drive away from my parent's place. I have just accepted a contract to continue my employment at this school next year majorly due to the fear that I would not gain employment closer to home. I enjoy the school that I am working at as well as the staff that I am working with, but not all of the staff were as lucky as I was in having their contract renewed for next year. Over the Christmas break I will begin planning and preparing so that the students in my class next year can achieve their best possible outcomes, but I have been told that I will not be paid for this 6 week period due to my contract ending on the last day of the school year and my next contract beginning on the first day of school next year.</p> <p>The major reason for this is that I will have worked only 90 days this year, which included the whole of term 4 and 8 weeks during term 3, rather than the minimum of 100 days at which point you can start to receive a percentage of the Christmas holiday pay relative to the amount of days you have worked in that year. This is very frustrating and will make saving for a house that much harder. I also find it frustrating that despite leaving for work at 6:10am and often planning until 9 or sometimes later at night as well as marking and preparing for the school week over the weekend that I get paid for 5 hours work 5 days a week; as if it would ever be possible to clock on and clock off as a teacher. I feel that unless you as a person view creating and maintaining a society that is able to make effective decisions based on well-developed values, morals and ethics far out ways any monetary reward or even a secure, comfortable lifestyle for your family (at least for the first few years), then as a primary teacher you are in the wrong profession.</p> <p>I would like secure permanent work as a primary teacher at a school that is within half an hour drive of where I live. I would like to know that I can at least provide a secure and comfortable lifestyle for my family.</p>				

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