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<b>Occupation (if available)</b>	Broadcast monitor				
<b>Text of submission</b>	<p>In July I was hired as a casual broadcast monitor position at Australian Associated Press. This job entailed listening to radio and TV media and summarising the content in relation to the requirements of corporate and government clients. Ironically, one of the main clients for whom I worked was the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. I would often process clips regarding unions and their concern over insecure work.</p> <p>As a casual position, the rostering was done on a weekly basis. I was doing the position in addition to full time university study, and so opted for two to three (8 hour) shifts per week. I had been working so intensely at AAP that I needed to drop a subject at uni, hence meaning I need to defer my honours program I was meant to start in 2012. Nevertheless, some weeks I would be rostered on less, with once or twice not receiving a shift at all. Throughout September and into October, everyone was getting less and less shifts. There was no explanation provided, except for that there was less work to be done. We were assured that the hours would pick up.</p> <p>Sure enough, eventually only 9 out of over 50 workers were rostered on. Again, no explanation was provided. On my last day at AAP, all the workers on that day (including several on casual contracts but who worked full time hours) realised that it would indeed be our last day.</p> <p>It was not until midway through the next week, however, that our manager called us to explain that they were sending our jobs offshore to New Zealand as a means of 'moving forward' and cutting costs. Annoyingly, I had booked a plane ticket to the UK the week before my last. I had planned to work 4 or 5 days a week once uni broke up, but of course was then hung out to dry. In addition to this, the fact that I made a major life decision to defer my studies next year on the assumption I would be working is extremely frustrating.</p>				

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