Fairpay 2008 Minimum Wage Review Submission

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1. Summary of Submission
   
   - State the key issues contained in the submission:
     
     There should be a different Minimum Wage rates for Regional & Metropolitan areas.

2. Economic prosperity
   
   - Comment on one or more of the following key considerations of the Australian Fair Pay Commission:
     
     2.1 The capacity for the unemployed and low paid to obtain and remain in employment
     
     Regional areas have less employment opportunities, but their costs of living are also lower. Therefore, the Fair Pay Commission must reduce the amount of pay received for these people.

     City Metropolitan areas have more employment opportunities, but costs are higher. The Fair Pay Commission must ensure that the amount of pay in these areas is higher.

     2.2 Employment and competitiveness across the economy
     
     Employment will not be affected in regional areas, as the majority of people in Australia are not "seachangers". Most people migrate out of Regional areas, rather than in.

3. Issues Arising from Previous Decision
   
   The previous decision did not take into account the City/Regional divide. I am asking the Commission to do so this time round.

4. Conclusion
   
   Please implement different pay rates for Metropolitan & Regional areas. You will need to draw a map of the end of a City and the beginning of a Region.