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To whom it may concern,

I would love to see that the public holiday start from 4pm rather than 6pm. The reasons for this are as follows:

Many smaller retail stores would chose to close business earlier on this day instead of paying PH rates to workers, which means that anyone who is working in this field would have the ability to be home for dinner, which in many families that share Christmas celebrations is an important part to their holiday.

Starting at 4pm would allow workers who need to commute a reasonable time to get home without having to rush & possibly causing an accident or being in one themselves. No one wants to rush through traffic just to be home for dinner.

Many retail businesses have 'black out periods' where workers aren't able to take time off or if they do, they are looked upon very unfavourably. Having a 4pm PH time would again urge retail businesses to close earlier and allow people to be home earlier.

If you think of Christmas Eve like the Friday of the work week, many trades and industry workers finish earlier in order to feel like they are having an extended weekend, by changing the PH to 4pm, this would also ensure that these businesses can continue to operate in such a way, and encourage other businesses to follow suit.

I work in retail myself and trying to share my time between my family, my husbands family and our own time, it can very quickly become the most stressful time poor part of the year. Extending the PH time from 6pm to start at 4pm, I would hope would encourage businesses to cease trade where possible and send people home where they belong during this time of year.

Thank you for allowing submissions and for making a stand to ensure workers rights over this time.

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