INDEPENDENT
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Insecure Work

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Text of submission		My name is Louise O'Grady and I am a 37 year old single mother of 3 children.			
		I am currently a full time contract teacher at Currumbin Primary School. I graduated from Griffith University in 2008 and have found it extremely difficult to gain permanent employment in the QLD teaching industry.			
		I have been lucky to have been on contract for this entire year at the same school who have also given me another contract for next year. This will enable me to be paid at my usual pay rate for the entire Christmas holiday period. In the past I have been left not knowing if I have a contract the following year, and with no holiday pay. This has caused an enormous financial strain on me and my family and also contributed to my marriage breakdown.			
		I am extremely disappointed with the lack of dedication to graduates and the difficulty I have been faced with seeking permanent employment. My school has tried to make me permanent through the department but we are still waiting for a permanent position to become available within the school. This becomes difficult with so many teachers taking leave for prolonged periods of time and admin not knowing who is coming or going.			
		If I had of known the obstacles I would face after 4 years of sacrificing my usual salary and lifestyle while undertaking a full time degree, I would have never enrolled to become a teacher in the first place. It has been very stressful and even now, I can only be offered a six month contract so could be back to square one in the middle of next year.			

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