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As a resident of Dysart for 37years.

100% F.I.F.O. is discrimination against the people that live in the actual mining towns as they can't have a job unless they move their families away from the towns that were build for the mines. 100% F.I.F.O. is ruining the town of Dysart. I believe that this is what is killing the mining towns in the Central Queensland area.

Please explain why is it that we have eligible people living in the towns that were built originally to support the mines that opened up around them, that now they can't get a job at any of these mines unless they live in a city from which they have to fly in and fly out of and leave their families behind. This FIFO is destroying towns and families.

Mums and dads don't get to come home to their families at night, they have to wait until they fly home. Kids are missing either their mums or dads - they need them to come home everyday, not just every few weeks.

This is breaking down marriages - where the dad is just a pay check coming home at the end of his round and mum and the kids are getting on with their own lives in another town making friends that the dad doesn't know due to him being out of town working.

Parents are missing out on milestones which are being made with their children whilst they are away. (Babies first smile, first tooth, walking for the first time, first day of school, first school award, first birthday, mother/fathers day, Easter and the list just goes on). Bring the families back to the towns, fill the houses up, fill the schools back up, fill the shops back up, get the sports back up and running by having more people actually living in the towns. Half the town of Dysart has empty houses sitting waiting for people to fill them. BRING FAMILIES BACK TOGETHER SO THEY CAN KISS THEIR KIDS GOODNIGHT.

Men and women sitting in the four walls of a donga at CAMP, thinking what their families are doing right now. Suicide is starting to become all too real in this world of FIFO.

Thanks for listening to me and I await your reply.

Regards Carol Paul DYSART