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I would like to register my disappointment with the governments support for FIFO. We in Mackay are being unfairly discriminated against by having to declare that our residence is within 100 Km of Brisbane.

We moved to the Bowne Basin in 2003 to build a life after living overseas many years, brought our savings and our 2 boys who were in school at the time.

I myself had lodge no less than 200 applications for projects in the Bown Basin between 2013 and 2015 with rejection being the standard reply. I am a seasoned miner of 37 years, non Union, just wanted a job to pay the Mortgage that I had taken out in Mackay.

Since 2013 businesses have been slowly closing down due to the mining industry slow down, but having been discriminated against because of our location as far as employment is nothing short of shameful.

I now have 2 sons who wished to pursue a career in Mining, no hope of any job prospect and as you in the government would know the extremely high unemployment rate, I'm guessing 13 to 14 % ?

I am fortunately working at the moment, but in another country, I can't get a job in my area....this is putting strain on our family as I am away 5 weeks at a time, have growing children whom I don't see.

Should we have to sell our house in an already depleted housing market to move to Brisbane just to get a job ?

I implore you to please reconsider the decision in FIFO .

Best Regards,  
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