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FIFO Inquiry

Dear Reader,

I'd like to post my thought's & opinions on the subject of FIFO, I have been doing FIFO mostly in QLD but currently in WA in total for about 10 years.

I live in Agnes Water QLD & have done 2 weeks on 2 weeks off, 3 weeks on 1 week off, 4 weeks on 1 week off. I believe the only roster that should be considered is an even time roster such as 1:1, 2:2 4:4 as they enable a quality of life without negative effect on business.

I'll now list some points based on my experience:-

Divorce is high in this industry mainly due to more time away from home than at home (even time roster would help change this)

Emotional/psychological issues are high in this industry mainly due to poor rosters, life in camps is very different to life at home & due to more time spent in camp each individual has a culture change (even time roster would improve this)

Currently I'm on a 4:1 roster on Barrow Island WA & before that I was on 4:1 roster on Curtis Island QLD, people are walking around like zombies, there minds are not on the job, they have issues at home due to the roster & all this is reflected in people having anger issues & more safety incidents. Also maintaining a

2:2 roster worked best, business was efficient, accommodation was no issue as you had a back to back for work & accommodation. Good internet in accommodation to maintain communication with partner, children, parents & friends.

Family connection is lost due to lack of good internet connection in rooms for private time with family to Skype etc.

I think FIFO is unavoidable due to lack of lifestyle & infrastructure in QLD country towns. A good example of this is in my own region Gladstone & Bundaberg. Nobody wants to live in Gladstone as it's an industrial city yet it is surrounded by beautiful liveable towns like Turkey Beach & Agnes Water but access is poor, only access is via Bruce Highway etc.

There is huge negativity from the general public on us FIFO workers mainly due to the assumption of high pay, yet we only get high pay as we are doing high hours, an even time roster would help lower this.

Camp sites are also a reason locals don't like FIFO workers as on a campsite you don't spend money in town, companies should be made to build cheap affordable detached homes for FIFO's to live in, then when job is finished some families will stay & work in other local industries & the ones leaving will allow their houses to be bought at an affordable price by the young locals.

The biggest problem is QLD government are still making decisions that encourage people to live in our cities, yet with todays technology most jobs could be done in rural towns & QLD should be about local communities & country towns. FIFO workers would drop considerably if the country towns were liveable again.

As for FIFO rosters they need to be even time rosters.

Thank you for this opportunity,

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