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Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee  
FIFO workers

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a FIFO worker for just over 3 years, and have been in the mining industry for 7 years. To gain employment in mining, I had to move my family from the Sunshine Coast to Mackay. At the time my wife was 8 months pregnant. My wife gave up all the assistance a new mother would receive from friends and family to allow me to earn enough to support my new child and my wife and to pursue the career I wanted.

Through the years I looked at avenues to allow my family to return to the Sunshine Coast where we wanted to bring up our children. Only due to BMA offering FIFO at Daunia could my family finally return to the place where we wanted to be.

Now we live a life of comfort, offering my children an ideal place to grow up and have a childhood they deserve. I bring my pay check home with me, spreading the economic benefits of good pay to the Sunshine Coast. The FIFO roster allows me to spend a whole week at a time with my family and also allows me to do things I wouldn't normally be able to do, for instance something so simple as dropping off and picking up my children from school. Not many working parents get that opportunity. Sure there are negatives to FIFO work, but that is mine and my families choice, if I didn't want FIFO work almost all other mines are DIDO or residential that I could pursue work with.

Again FIFO work was a decision made by myself and my family, don't take this away from us.

Regards,

Stafford Ray

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