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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please consider this submission into the "Fly in, fly out and other long distance commuting work practices in regional Queensland" inquiry.

I have never been in the unfortunate position to have to FIFO. I have how ever witnessed family and friends placed in this position.

the concerns that I have seen, is the stress that this leaves on the family. I have witnessed where they did not have choice but to move to Brisbane to obtain work out of Moranbah. This place a large amount psychological stress on the family, from having to go into debt to move and find another home to live in as well as the husband/father being way from home. the husband struggled to be away from his family and was causing him to become sick, the family struggled to with out the husband in their life on a day to day bases. it got to the point that they had to go behind the companies back and they moved closer to the mine which gave them more comfit, knowing that if the operator found out that the husband would be sacked. it became to much of which the husband had to quit his job and look for another. I have also witnessed husbands/fathers being ostracised by their families as the family learns to live without them and fell that they are only needed to pay the bills. there have been may families brake apart from living separate lives. this impact really needs to be studied, as the real impact will not be seen until the damage is done and the affects are seen in the next generation.

there is also the issue of the communities. have spent all my life in these communities the past years have not been kind to the communities that support the mining industry, companies and people come and take the benefits way when they go. employment has gone with the business that have gone, schools suffer, public services suffer all because people are forced to live out side these communities. these communities are dyeing a slow death.

100% FIFO needs to be abolished. no one has the right to tell you where you have to live to work.

company's need to be encouraged to support the communities and business in which they make their profits from.

Regards

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