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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.

Why do the large majority of FIFO people, wear their Hi-viz in the Airport, on the plane and around town ? I have been in the underground Coal mines for over 30yrs, and never once publicised that I worked in the mines. (real mines, underground, not shovelling a bit of dirt around) Anyway, FIFO people are at the mercy of the weather, the roads and traffic on the highways. The companies are crying out about absenteeism and productivity, yet their willing to not have their work force attend work because the plane in Brisbane can't get off the ground.

FIFO destroys the mining towns and puts nothing back into the community, how many small towns have suffered because of FIFO/DIDO - Collinsville, Glenden, Moranbah, Dysart, Middlemount & Blackwater. No direct support for the community, don't even go to the underlying reason why the mining companies are truly doing this, and that is to fragment the workforce so there is no solid base when it comes to EA negotiations, strikes, meetings & being part of a union in general. Most of these people don't even know where their crib times came from, where their pay rates come from, where their hours of work came from, I could go on and on. Most of the FIFO/DIDO workers are either temporary, part time or contractors this is exactly what the mining companies want, they have no ties to the community, want no ties to the community, no loyalty to anyone except to a 'bag off silver'

The Federal and State Govs must make a law to ensure that all individual mine sites have a permanent majority of the workforce living in the adjacent towns. It's no good the Mining Unions (CFMEU) trying to do this as we have no clout or influence any more, we're just a toothless tiger rattling our sabres on the side line. No-one takes any notice of us or fears or respects us anymore. It's very sad, but that's the truth and it hurts me to the core.

Regards

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