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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 was a local that worked for a company that employed both local and FIFO staff in Moranbah.

I have 3 sons that reside in Moranbah. Two are apprentices and I am concerned about their future employment within the mining industry could be influenced negatively by their choice to reside in Moranbah. I am also greatly concerned about the future of mining towns. I raised 3 boys in Moranbah, and I believe that it is an excellent community. During my employment for a company that employed both local and FIFO staff, I witnessed the emotional drain on the staff that missed out on the birthdays, first steps, anniversaries, speech nights and other events that occur in normal day to day existence.

People should be offered choice. FIFO suits some people but many need to have family support around them. Compulsory FIFO is absurd as it discriminates against locals that live only a short distance from a minesite from employment, even if they have qualifications that meet or exceed the requirements of the positions offered. Please don't lock our locals out.

Regards

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