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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 commute from Adelaide to Emerald, flying home on my two long breaks. I have been doing this for the last three years.

Being in the Defence Force, prior to mining my family are used to me being away from home for long periods of time. Of course I'd love to be home more often, however, the time home we make the most of and in my opinion we have better quality time together.

I believe FIFO should be embraced, rather than dismissed, as it gives companies a wider range of personnel to pick from when creating a work force. This creates a more efficient and safer work force, rather than creating more work for those who truly want to be at work, by covering for the dead wood which is paramount in the mining industry. For locals, if you are good enough at your job you don't have to worry about the 'foreigners' taking your jobs.

I believe the only way to minimise the impact for myself and my family is finding a way to reduce the cost of travel.

I would never move my family to the smaller towns as there is limited work opportunities for my wife and not a great deal to do for the kids.

Regards

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