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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.

HI

Thankyou to allow me to voice my opion to be heard I would like to start by saying Yes i have been a shift worker for over 36 years and 20 years living away from my family and yes I have done it

When my children were young they needed me to be there for them I was away a lot.

You have identify FIFO and must see it has issues , Tony Abbott has always whated to support the north and has made previous commets wanting more people to live in north how does FIFO support this ?

The local towns in the coal areas have become ghost towns due to the FIFO but the towns still have the same expense running them such as schools council and police local business, a lot of busness have mostly closed I know one day I may be faced with working away again and live away from my family again loosing contact again a family needs a mother and a father a relationship needs eachother ,

Thanks Ken Knuth

There are so many issues I will start from the main issues first

1- Father away leaving Wife to look after children on her own

2- Relationships fall appart due to distance and time away loosing the meanig of love family and a relationship

3- jet lag after weeks of shift work the FIFO person will take a day to just wind down to deal with family issues , money, car, kids ,living cost , general house jobs , and so on

4- flights bookings and cost and planning flights airports delays hours in planes and at airports

no pay is paid for this time, a politician is paid for the time he or she is on a plane flight so is a companay Ceo, the workers do this time for free .

5- There is no doubt that Queensland will suffer due to this , flying workers from other states No Queensland State Politician could support this he or she would be digging there own grave .

However some mines way out in the deserts and the dry part of the country the FIFO does suit young single people without a family

So what needs to be looked at is single or people who dont have young children to care for locations zoning to where this is a practical way knowone wants to live in the desert .

1- support local within the reagion local jobs and shops

2- cost of living in the local town (Mackay got too expensive land price were above other areas)

Council rules, house block sizes too small example not allowing back yard sheds.

3- air travel why add an extra risk that is not required with airports and weather and futhure cost in fuel and safety why add extra risk to prople it has to be more costly one day then what? so many issues but i said enough .

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Regards

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