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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.

Puts a lot of strain on relationships with parents or partners being away from families. Directly contributes to more alcohol consumption and unsocial behaviour from people who would not normally succumb to these influences.

A percentage of the work force made up of FIFO and distance commuting is unavoidable, but to enforce a 100% workforce to commute is appaluling a it destroys local economys and allows the Companys to consume a local resource which is owned by the populace and allows them to dictate wages and safety standards. Local workforces are needed to keep a balance on the socio economy and well being of the local communitys. A sense of pride and well being flows on from the work place health and safety culture to town. Despite all the paper work submitted on the work site, people will continually slip their fatigue collars to get home sooner, thus creating the higher percentage of carnage and grief. Reduce FIFO and distance commuting, reduced road carnage. Distance commuting is not in my experience car pooling and traveling 1 hour to work and back each day.

Encourage living in and around our work places in towns, support this with homes for the workers at affordable/subsidised rent or houses that can be purchased. This encourages the workforce to make safety a beg factor, you work with your mates, know the families and kids. It is a community. Usually a tight one, we are told this is what the companys value, step up and front up to allow this to happen.

Regards

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