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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.

The furthest I have lived from my workplace has been a 3 1/2 hr drive. So live in camp while rostered on. Previously I was able to live where I worked but this was when mines employed mostly a permanent work force.

Personnel are mentally fatigue due to the travel, more worried about their families as they don't have face to face contact with them while rostered on. More stress on marriages. More stress on employees due to being a way from home, families & forced to live in mining camps. Employees then have a greater tendency to drink alcohol after their shift. Then personnel are drinking extreme distances after their last shift, employers aren't effectively managing this, they just tell employees not to do it.

Remove the 100% FIFO employment policy from employers. This is discriminating against personal that don't live in Brisbane or Cairns. Ensure everyone gets a fair go, that's what Australia used to be about. Ensure the FIFO costs aren't tax deductible for employers & employees, this will put more pressure on them to employ locals who are qualified to do the job, rather than employing clean skins, so they have a non-unionized workforce.

Regards

