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FIFO inquiry

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To Whom it may concern,

As a new to industry employee(21 months) of the mining industry and under a FIFO arrangement, I would like to express my opinion as to why this works for myself, my family and the company I work for.

Firstly it has given me the opportunity to work in this exciting industry without uprooting my family. It is a lifestyle roster that has given me quality family time whilst off roster and great working arrangements while on.

It has enabled me a better financial position that would otherwise not be possible. It enables my local community the spread of Queensland's resources.

We live in a time where no industry is immune from competition so I feel that by employing outside local perimeters we are getting the best possible work force. Let's face it, people move to the city for better opportunities all the time and there is no disagreement with that.

Unfortunately I feel that FIFO workers have been unfairly targeted in a fairly strong downturn with commodity prices, something that wasn't the case when decided on a FIFO work force. Economies suffer downturns and communities feel that flow on effect, just like the community that I live in currently(Gold Coast).

I feel that the current arrangements are a good balance as we still employ local contractors as well as a DIDO contractors as well as well as a local buying program.

Regards,

Joe Beutel

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