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FIFO- DIDO issue - Submission

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To
State Parliamentary Committee

Dear Committee

As a resident of a small coal mining community, Collinsville,

since 1957 I have seen the dismal outcome for our town since DIDO workers have come to town.

Before these began the mining industry supported a town of mostly families who worked, supported one another, joined in local events such as sport, school functions etc. as is to be found in such small communities. One families joy/sadness was shared with tremendous support from locals

Today, 2015 our town is left with some who have local mining jobs and many who travel to town in buses/ private car., These workers do not help our town by way of school numbers, business support, and are never to be seen outside their workplace or camp.

Admittedly their employers pay towards local rates. I believe food supplies for their camps are bought into town, not purchased within the town as large transport is seen regularly in town for this purpose. Already our small town has had businesses close, teacher numbers reduced, and it makes no sense to know that locals who get work elsewhere have to travel to work in another town while another travels to our town for work, both contained within the coal mining industry. Both families of these workers are apart for the work period.

There is many vacant houses in the town, we do not need more camps; why not move towards having employers have workers utilize existing housing and bring their families to town instead of the way it is handled now. Reasons of partners not wanting to move, children in schools are among the reasons why no one wants to shift, this is acceptable but on the other hand I'd say find employment where your home is then and leave the jobs for locals to fill instead of taking the pay check out of town as not a cent is spent locally to support the town businesses.

Please consider the plight of small towns when you have to consider FIFO- DIDO workers for big companies in small towns., If one has not lived and experienced the downfall of such effected towns then a negative decision should be made.

for FIFO-DIDO workers in towns that have vacant housing accommodation available.

I am a past resident of the coal mining town, Mount Mulligan which closed down in 1957 and as a teenager came with my family to Collinsville those many years ago.

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