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To someone I hope is concerned

It was very distressing to read Morris Corporation has been granted permission to extend their Collinsville Village accommodation business by a further 102 rooms. This will only further add to the demise of any Collinsville owned businesses offering accommodation in our town trying to compete against Morris. Since Morris was granted a licence to sell alcohol at their Collinsville Camp, we have had 2 hotels shut down, due mainly to poor trade numbers. It would appear that Morris Corporation show very little interest in employing Collinsville locals preferring in most cases to offer the positions to DIDO.

It would appear that the local coal mines are employing a few locals, but when you see the numbers of cars parked up in the Morris Camp, you soon realize, it is very few. Most are DIDO. I would think that at least one third of the houses in Collinsville would be vacant at present. As you can imagine this is having a very telling effect on local business. This not only effects the towns people but also impacts greatly on the surrounding cattle industry who I believe have enough to contend with the current drought without having the extra burden of having to source supplies from further afield as stores close their doors.

It would appear that most outsiders are of the opinion that everybody who lives in Collinsville must work in the coal industry or related suppliers. There are a lot of people who do not, preferring to work in/for small business, council etc. I am one of these and I have no wish to work in the coal industry either. Our local buying power is being eroded every time another house is vacated with more people being forced to leave town to find employment.

It would be greatly appreciated if all levels of government would consider those who vote them into their relevant positions. Reality is though, that only large corporations seem to be cared for in their petty attempts manage our country. All country towns are doing it tough, but it does not need to be made harder by various companies/government backing the FIFO and DIDO adding to the demise of the towns we call home.

Give us a break

John Stocks.