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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.

I have been involved in dido and fifo since 1971 my rosters have ranged from 5 days two days 8 hours a day to the extreme of 21 and 7 fly in my own time doing an average of 14 hours a day and everything in between, at present my work is limited due to fifo taking our work locally and 457 visas taking our local town i work .I ave had to drive 480 klms to work on a ridiculous roster of 6 days and 1 off.fifo in m y experience is a soul destroying,relationship and family destroying experience.Due to communication problems and isolation.The bonding you experience with children as they grow disappears with time you come home and life is chaotic you squeeze time with your kids your wife your doctor your physc your accountant the school then you have to go leaving unfinished business which you try to resolve on the phone which on most sites you aren't allowed to use during the day a lot of sites don't allow phones at work so you don't get messages until after dark try talking to your doctor at seven o'clock at night after you find a message when you get back to your room .i challenge any politician to live without his or her phone for one twelve hour period. The other side is at home you lose contact with your friends and relative as you are away all the time and when you have been doing it for a few years you find that you have a lot of acquaintances but no friends as all your work mates live a long way from you and friends don't see you you lose that contact . Management whom fly in fly out usually have their airfares paid for fly friday and return monday have unlimited use of communications whilst at work so they have rose coloured glasses when they talk about fifo dido

my main concern is the family it has destroyed many a marriage many a relationship and caused many a suicide but it is alright because your superannuation is getting you all the returns you all deserve. The other concern now is the driving i do sometimes i have driven 1800 alms On a friday to return on monday due to the high cost of rural airfares city people have an unfair advantage over rural people my airfare from mackay to townsville 700 dollars plus return so i drive for four and a half hours then catch a commuter to work for another hour and a half six hours commute in total bris bane resident 240 dollar airfare 1hour 40 min flight three hours commute time.Then there is the marriage breakups i could tell you my own experiences but we won't go down that road

i am 64 years of age and winding down but these companies and the governments that rip the heart out of our society in the need for increasing profits every year and getting budget in the black [REDACTED] and i once thought it was about a fair go. It has to stop and the government must change tax policies on housing supplied (fringe benefits) the people that live in these towns usually by houses and invest in other towns spend money on holidays, the local schools become viable the hospitals are operational the shopping centres that train the kids coming through for them to travel and work elsewhere on their own choice. you have communities and

families and choice i realise there is not a lot going on in a lot of areas so people need work but when i left home if i wanted the good money i followed and lived where the work was it was my choice when single but it will destroy relationships and the government and taxpayer will foot the bill . It must stop. The discrimination that is out there now i am not allowed to employ a person because of race creed or colour but i can refuse you employment because of where you live is that discrimination or isn't it I have to finish this now because i am becoming emotional about the unfairness of the system in the never ending chase of greed if you want to talk i will gladly talk to you all cheers

Regards

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