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Thank you for conducting a review into the FIFO practices in regional Queensland. We believe that the current level or scale of FIFO practices are hurting the township of Chinchilla. Through 2011, 2012 and 2013, Chinchilla saw unprecedented growth and influx of employment to the area due to the CSG boom. As we know most of this influx was FIFO employees and we concede that without the high volume of FIFO workforce the CSG industry may not have got to the stage it is at now.

Through 2014 and now today the CSG industry in Chinchilla has made the complete transition from infrastructure phase to the operations phase of the project. The community has been advised by the major companies that the employment during the operations phase of the project is a more permanent or regular workforce.

However, this permanent workforce are housed in 'temporary' mining camps, mainly a camp operated by Ausco 2 minutes from the main street of town. This camp of 1,000 rooms, provides little to no economic or social benefit to the town. It would be reasonable to assume if 1,000 extra persons are in your town, that local businesses would see the benefits, however this camp chooses to buy next to nothing from local businesses. In recent months the camp has even started to try and promote themselves to the passing tourist or other business travellers, taking the last of the remaining clients from the local motels.

Therefore, we believe, that the level or scale of FIFO workforce should be reduced substantially (no eliminated in its entirety) and provide more encouragement for these more permanent staff to move to townships like Chinchilla. This would allow families and other people to relocate, invest and most important become part of the Chinchilla community and ensure the long-term viability of the area.

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