

Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resource Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam

INQUIRY INTO FLY-IN, FLY-OUT (FIFO) AND OTHER LONG DISTANCE COMMUTING WORK PRACTICES IN REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

The NWQROC submits the following with regard to the inquiry concerning FIFO/DIDO/BIBO developments in established resource communities.

- FIFO practices don't encourage accurate ABS Collection data
- ABS statistics influence government services such as health, law and order and infrastructure development
- Extended shift hours reduce peoples time to contribute to local sporting teams and volunteering in general
- FIFO disrupts the balance of society and communities
- Pressure on services such as long day care, school holiday programs for the extended hours
- Particular to smaller mining communities, where childcare staff are difficult to source.
- Notable impacts on the local business economy, the quality and variety of services and goods provided.
- Increases the cost of living
- FIFO operations should be encouraged to access local airports and to use RBT services to improve connectivity for the community as a whole.
- Closed mining flight charters reduce accessibility and compete against RBT services.
- Economic benefits to local communities are reduced due to the wages being spent at the workers home base, rather than in the place it was earned
- Social cohesion is negatively impacted
- Discrimination against local workers in favour of those who live outside of the community
- Reduced opportunities for training our young people in occupations that will sustain them

Please contact Bob Owen if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,



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