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FIFO Submission by Neil Fisher

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Honourable Jim Pearce MP
Chair, Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee
Parliamentary Inquiry into Fly In, Fly Out Resource Sector

To the Honourable Mr Pearce Chair and Committee

Please consider my submission for the future of fly in, fly out work practices across regional Queensland and the impacts on these workers, their families, communities and industries.

Since 2012 I have been a Councillor for the Rockhampton Regional Council. But for the last forty years our family has operated a small business has worked as a specialist supplier and contractor to the Resource Industry. During that time we have been part of the FIFO and DIDO workforce.

So I would like to raise my concerns as someone who has experienced the FIFO / DIDO lifestyle.

1. The interdiction of 100% FIFO has had numerous problems. My problem is that I have always believed 'the best person for the job is the best person for the job.' Now it is the case the person that has the privileged postcode is the only person to gain that job.
2. For a worker who lives in Rockhampton and works in Moranbah. The FIFO arrangements mean that the worker has to fly all the way from Rockhampton to Brisbane than all the way to Moranbah. With the constant delays at Brisbane Airport a trip to or from the workplace can take hours longer than to travel by car. A better solution would be to utilise Airports like Rockhampton's. So a flight from Moranbah to Rockhampton could take only 45 minutes instead of the average 5 or 6 hours currently. That is moving worker east first before north or south.

I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to submit my

concerns.

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