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ADJOURNMENT

Fly-In Fly-Out

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (5.48 pm): I bring to the attention of the House a very serious issue in relation to the impact that 100 per cent fly-in fly-out is having on mining communities, particularly Moranbah in my electorate. On Tuesday, the Minister for Natural Resources bragged about the jobs that they were creating in the Bowen Basin, how they are working with mining companies, how many jobs the Newman government has created and the investment that is going into the mining communities. However, the Newman government has backed the Caval Ridge BMA-led mine for 100 per cent fly-in fly-out. It promised the constituency—the people of those mining communities—that it would not support 100 per cent fly-in fly-out. It said that it believed in supporting the social and economic fabric of those communities; that it wanted to ensure that families are able to bring their children up in the communities, that mums and dads can watch their children play sports and, at the same time, work in the mines in the area and go home that night. That is what they had committed to.

I say that the Newman government has misled the people. After it came to power, it supported 100 per cent fly-in fly-out at Caval Ridge. The Red Hill mining operation run by the Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance is now also pushing to have a 3,000-bed accommodation unit built and 100 per cent fly-in fly-out. That is devastating news for the local community.

There are skilled young people living in Moranbah who have to go to live in Brisbane to get a job in Moranbah. Right now, people are leaving Moranbah and moving to Brisbane so that they can get a job in Moranbah. Husbands are living in camps while their wives live at home in Moranbah. The men cannot stay with their wives, because they have to live in the camps. How stupid is that? There are 350 homes vacant in Moranbah. How stupid is it to have a camp to accommodate 3,000 people when the husbands want to live with their wives? It has been proven that no-one is stimulated by staying in a camp for 10 days straight. They have the opportunity to live with their wives, but they have to fly back to Brisbane after the 10 days. The government must override the decision to back the Red Hill Mine proposal for a 3,000-bed camp and 100 per cent fly-in fly-out.