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Sent: Tuesday, 28 February 2012 9:26 PM
To:
Subject: FIFO Moranbah

To Whom It May Concern,
I am writing to you in relation to FIFO and Moranbah.

I was brought up and educated in the Melbourne. I moved to regional QLD with my profession. I started in Tieri but in the last three and half years I have been living in Moranbah. We made the move because of the already lack of facilities in Tieri and the progressive negative change in the town. Moranbah offered what no other regional mining town could – plenty of facilities. It was the perfect place for my family to work in the mining industry, STILL be together and have a great work life balance.

Unfortunately, since moving here the town has regressed. Rents, both housing and business, are overpriced to the point of ridiculous, which ultimately has a flow on affect; facilities are closing; child-care is in huge demand and with FIFO increasing comes a new set of issues for the town and its residents.

Yes FIFO employees “use” the facilities within the town but do not contribute at a higher level. They use (over crowd) the doctors, they use (over crowd) the hospital, they use (over crowd) the pool/gym (I could go on), but only contribute financially through entrance/admittance fees. The mining companies have built large accommodation facilities in Moranbah where the workers spend more time than at their “home” and I understand they would like facilities but unfortunately they forgot to build the facilities to support, and have not contributed to the local facilities.

For example, I have 3 young children. Last winter it would take me 2 to 3 days to get into the doctor. This is absurd. A large portion of patient would not have had their residential address as Moranbah.

For example, try going to the local pool to do laps – a joke! My husband has a sore back, and has been told medically to swim but it is near impossible. Do a survey of the attendants at the local pool, it would be interesting to see how many have Moranbah as their residential address.

The FIFO population also lack in giving back to the community in the way of volunteering which affect emergency services and sporting clubs.

Please, if any of my information is incorrect, I would love to get a response.

Please, do not let Moranbah repeat the history of Port Hedland – did we not learn?

Please, help a town which has supported the mining industry.

Yours sincerely and sadly,

Taryn Shears