



Submission to the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Simon Crean MP,

regarding his inquiry into *the use 'fly-in, fly-out' (FIFO) and 'drive-in, drive-out' (DIDO) workforce practices in Regional Australia.*

My submission refers to the following terms of reference:

- The effect of a non-resident FIFO/DIDO workforce on established communities, including community wellbeing, services and infrastructure

I am a resident of Broome for 27 years and the part owner of 2 small businesses in Broome. I am concerned about the following negative impacts I believe would result from an increased FIFO/DIDO workforce in Broome :

- The detrimental effect on Broome's main source of income from tourism, as Broome would surely lose its identity as a major tourist town of WA. Hi-viz clothing would become the norm for a large percentage of the population and would destroy the happy holiday atmosphere and the concept of "Broometime".
- the increase in the price of housing when demand is higher than supply and the effect that would have in providing affordable housing in Broome where prices are already above average. This would impact on all areas of the population (local residents, tourists, hospitality workers, teachers, medical staff, essential service workers etc, etc) making Broome a place that none but those on the highest incomes (i.e. FIFO/DIDO workforce) could afford.
- A major influx of drugs into Broome via the DIDO workforce which would obviously impact on the vulnerable members of the community, resulting in the known repercussions of drug abuse on the wider community such as increase in crime and break down of families etc.
- The increased danger to women in what would become a male dominated society where the transient workforce has anonymity and its own peer pressure, and with that would come a basic lack of respect, resulting in abuse of women from all cultures and in all levels of society.

Yours faithfully

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