Ladies and Gentleman,

A possible solution to FIFO issues may be to have the FIFO contracts include a half day to one day community work per week included in the contract. This would enable the workers to get to know the local community and the community see that the FIFO workers are making a positive contribution to their lives.

This work may or may not be relevant to the workers' skill sets. As a suggestion the type of work and projects could include:

- building community facilities such as skate park, velodrome, footy or cricket pitch, disabled access ramps
- refurbishing a community hall/school
- creating community vegetable garden for the local school with mini irrigation system
- helping out at local events such as fetes, drama productions, morning teas for the elderly residents
- create and man a local radio station
- assist with the SES team

The list is only limited by one's imagination. I suggest that combined community, companies and FIFO workers brainstorming and consultation sessions can be run to narrow down a top ten list that is then implemented over a 15 year plan would be a great start.

Regards

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