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Hi,

We would like to make a submission on our experience with FIFO.

FIFO tends to tear families apart.

I work at the Peak Downs mine in Moranbah and most of my co-workers Drive In Drive Out to from home, often being away for up to 10 days. Young children find it particularly hard that they don't get to see their mum/dad every day.

People are expected to stay in tiny dongas during their work time. This environment causes less time for recreational activities & exercise that people may have normally done had they been able to go home every night after work.

We strongly believe that people should be given the opportunity to live where they work. The mining companies are making billions of \$\$\$ in record profits, they should be made to contribute this back into the community. Many people, particularly those with young families enjoy living in Moranbah. The main problem is affordability for those who work for companies that do not provide housing. What I cannot understand is that in the Isaac Views estate, mining companies own at least 30 vacant lots out there, that have been vacant for 2 years. BMA owns a parcel of land at the end of Mills Av that probably has enough room for 150 houses, its also been vacant for years. There are affordability issues, mining companies are screaming for workers....yet there is all this vacant land in Moranbah owned by mining companies.

If we can eliminate FIFO to the bare minimum it will be much better for families and couples.

Regards,

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