



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;
- the impact on communities sending large numbers of FIFO/DIDO workers to mine sites;

I am a long term resident of Broome with a wife and child

I am concerned about the changes I'm already seeing in my community. The cost of living here has been getting increasingly more expensive and the start of industrialization in the Kimberley and the FIFO workforce has made it increasingly so. Some of the issues already affecting us or of concern are:

- Cost of accommodation – Visiting family and friends are no longer able to find affordable accommodation which had led to a lack of family support for our family and new born.
- Nature of Broome – We first moved to Broome over 15 years ago for the multi culture and lifestyle. In 2011 the Broome community was also listed on the National Heritage Register. A FIFO workforce will detract from these values.
- Consultation with Community – There are many families in Broome, some with many generations and many with much more than that. These families built this town and community and these families along with those that moved here recently have not been properly consulted about the changes a FIFO industry workforce will have.
- Tourism – We are used to the tourist industry and see how it supports and promotes the culture and nature of Broome and the Kimberley. We do not want to see this Industry with its good local employment record collapse under the weight of big mining interests and a FIFO workforce
- Pilbara example – We have seen what FIFO has done to the Pilbara communities as well as heard to concerns of many friends trying to live there. We don't see why these mistakes need to be replicated in the Kimberley.

Yours faithfully

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