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Dear Mr Crook MP

FLY IN FLY OUT AND DRIVE IN DRIVE OUT MINING

Council wanted to voice their support for the many other smaller Local Governments that are being affected by FIFO or DIDO mine sites. With the mines expected to commence surrounding Gnowangerup in the coming years this has the potential to affect Gnowangerup in small ways.

However, my experiences from other Councils are in the Drive in and Drive out scenario and these employees never form bonds with the community, very rarely utilise the town site or any facilities other than the pub and, as a result, the general community have a large workforce living in close proximity, but receive little to no benefit from it, other than the nuisance of rubbish, fights at the pub and the Local Government headaches from all the issues of having a mine.

More penalties should be placed on mine sites to encourage them to not only "weakly" promote residing in the area, but to fully endorse and encourage living locally. My experiences are that Mining Companies will tell the Council and Ministers exactly what they want to hear but when it comes to actioning the cost is prohibitive and, as such, don't follow through with the pledge, hence the need to place penalties or restrictions on them. When people live in an area they have a connection, even if slim, with the community and therefore respect the community and its surrounds at a far greater level.

Yours sincerely

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