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Committee Members

We would like to make the following comments on FIFO and DIDO as we experienced them.

We believe from our experiences on two recent trips into outback Queensland (covering almost 12,000 kilometres) we had an insight into the above problem.

1. The average motel user tourist has been greatly inconvenienced and disadvantaged.
2. Weeknights in country motels in mining areas are block booked by mining companies and whether the rooms are used by the miners or not it appeared to us that the company pays for the rooms.
3. Weekends in country motels are readily available for tourists. But where do you stay in between weekends????
4. One motel in Alpha just cancelled our booking without notification because they were now block booked by mining companies.

We made our bookings in March for our travels in July/August, we phoned to confirm the week prior to travel only to find we were considered unimportant in the scheme of things. (i.e. the mining boom)

5. One other observation we made was that large numbers of caravanners seemed to be using truck stops for their overnights. Why this is happening, who knows? Perhaps the caravan parks are overflowing as well.

Yours faithfully

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