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To Whom It May Concern.

I have not written a submission before so please forgive me if it is not done accurately.

If a submission has to include my name personal details I shall include them at the bottom of this email for editing purposes.

I was born and have resided in the town of Port Hedland for 40 years.

I have seen the changes come into town just like any other small town. I have watched Hedland grow and decrease over the years but my main concern is the lack of proper housing within our town.

I believe that the FIFO workforce is mostly to blame. The reason being are:

1. If they were to permanently work here then they would bring the families thus increasing the need to release more land for housing in Hedland.

2. The schools are suffering in a way that there are not enough teachers, our high school has a number of FIFO teachers. I think this is due to housing.

3. The cost of living is through the roof in Hedland, FIFOs spend their money at "home" with their family. Everything from meals to fuel, accommodation and flights are paid for them, they do not outlay any money into the town.

4. FIFO doctors, what next.

5. Too many strange people around our kids, the ratio of men to women in Hedland has gone from 3 men to 1 woman is now something in the range of eight men to one woman. Dangerous situation, I have five daughters to protect.

6. Some of the FIFOs want to live in Hedland but won't due to housing and certain infrastructure issues, this being the lack of City Lifestyle things to lure their families up here.

7. The shops are lacking in the staff they need to run stores. The wives aren't coming here with the FIFO husbands etc.

It used to be husbands worked in the mines, wives worked in the town at the shops or local offices and the kids went to local schools and played sports on the weekend, now you couldn't even get enough kids to make a little league footy competition, barely enough kids to make two teams.

One idea would be to release more housing land faster, this could drop rents, cancel FIFO, this will bring more families and friendliness back to Hedland.

I hope this is useful in stopping FIFO as I have never agreed with it and would like to see change come soon.

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