

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding your inquiry into the needs to increase participation in paid work. While I have not looked into your submission process, I've decided to send my letter anyway. I'll list my story and problem and then provide what things could be done to help.

My name is Bruce Hutchinson I'm 37 yrs old married with 3 kids 6yrs, 2yrs + 9 months. I've lived at Streaky Bay for 18 months after relocating from Cook on the Nullarbor plain where my wife + I managed the former town for 4 years. We had to move so our eldest son could start school, he needed contact with other kids badly and had been slow to talk due to his isolation. I'm happy to say due to his going to school he is now doing very well. Myself on the other hand am struggling badly, in the 18 months I've been here I've had one job for 8 weeks where I was required to be away from my family for up to 2 wks at a time.

I'm a semi driver and plant operator, I own 2 trucks but no-one wants to employ me. Streaky Bay is sort of like the Gold Coast it has great surf, so has a fair amount of surfy, doleheads, dole buskers who live in the area.

ALSO BECAUSE 110KMS UP THE ROAD AT CEDUNA THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES HAVE THEIR WORK CUT OUT WITH THE ABORIGINAL UNEMPLOYED THEY TEND TO LEAVE STREAKY BAY PEOPLE HEND FOR THEMSELVES. BUT I MUST ADMIT IF IT WASN'T FOR MISSION EMPLOYMENT I WOULD NOT OF HAD THE 2 MONTHS WORK I GOT.

STREAKY BAY IS GROWING, PEOPLE WISE BUT IS A MONSIEUR TOWN AND THERE IS NO WHERE TO OPEN A SHOP, THE COUNCIL DOES NOT WANT TO STEP ON ANY LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLES TOES BY PROVIDING A NEW SHOPPING CENTRE WHICH THE TOWN NEEDS.

THE WAY TO GET PEOPLE IN TO FIND WORK IN REGIONAL AREAS IS SIMPLE, YOU NEED SMALL BUSINESS, NEW SMALL BUSINESS, SO YOU NEED TO ^{START} CREATE A ENVIRONMENT SO THEY CAN A SMALL BUSINESS THEN EMPLOY LOCALS.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO JOIN ON THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND WORK TOGETHER TO DO THIS. I'LL SHOW YOU A EXAMPLE OF THE STATES PRIORITY'S. THE LOCAL FISH FACTORY WHICH SITS ON PRIME REAL ESTATE WORTH MILLIONS IN YEARS TO COME, HAS BEEN GRANTED \$1 MILLION TO MOVE 1 KM AWAY. THE FAMILY WHO OWN IT ARE THE TOWN'S RICHEST, THEY ARE BUILDING A MANSION THE LIKE UNSEEN BEFORE IN TOWN ^{ON THE SITE}.

RECENTLY THEY WERE AWARDED \$19 MILLION IN A FISHING LICENCE CAPE. THEY OWN 2 ABALONE LICENCES WORTH \$21 MILLION.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHY THEY WOULD DESERVE

A FREE million Bucks? or why they can't afford the more them selves? The reason given is so they can employ more people. My wife works on call for them and has only received 1 call this year, they pay the lowest rate in town and prefer backpackers and housewives who can work for an hr or 2 here and there.

I've written to the Premier to voice my disgust on the matter but am yet to find out why it has happened. 1 million bucks could of built a new shopping centre and 12 or more new small businesses could have started creating real jobs and wealth for local people.

The fishing industry started from low licence prices and now their worth mega bucks, they employ a small amount of people and create great wealth for the owners.

Look at the oyster leases they started a few years back being worth \$400 per hectare now its \$60,000+ and now it becomes a rich man's game, so only the wealthy can get on the band wagon which is what happened here.

Why can't there be a cap on the number of hectares one person can own? Why can't people who are unemployed be given a chance and help to become oyster farmers? Its a industry that creates wealth and has a long term future.

Speaking from my own point of view I'm a bloke who has always had work

AND NOW THAT I'VE BEEN WITHOUT A JOB FOR SO LONG AND THE PROSPECTS ARE GRIM, I'VE HAD TO SELL A PROPERTY I WAS HOPEING WOULD BE MY SUIVER JUST STOP THE BANKS TAKING THIS ONE. I KNOW WHAT ITS LIKE TO FEEL THAT YOU HAVE NO FUTURE, THAT LIFE'S A WASTE, DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE THEY FALL IN A BIG HEAP AND EVERYTHING YOU HAVE WORKED FOR YOU HAVE TO SELL BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO JOB.

I NEED HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS NOT BEING PROVIDED, THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY DOES NEXT TO NOTHING TO HELP. WHAT ARE MY CHOICES DO I HAVE TO SELL EVERYTHING AND MOVE TO THE CITY BEFORE I FINISH THE HOUSE I'M TRYING TO BUILD WITH NO INCOME, SO I CAN GET WORK? STREAKY BAY IS A TOWN WITH A FUTURE IF YOU HAVE MONEY TO CREATE ONE, BUT YOU CAN'T TELL ME ITS NOTHING TO OFFER IN SKILLS.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO DO IS LOOK CLOSELY AT HELS SYSTEM AND OFFER THE SAME SORT OF CHANCE TO REGIONAL PEOPLE WHO WANT TO START A SMALL BUSINESS.

PERHAPS THIS LETTER WON'T DO ANYTHING BUT AT LEAST I'VE HAD MY SAY, BUT COULD YOU AT LEAST LOOK AT THE GRANTING OF A MILLION BUCKS TO MILLIONAIRES WHO DON'T NEED MONEY TO START WITH, JUST SO THEY CAN KEEP FEATHERING THEIR NESTS, ITS WASTEFUL.

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