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Good afternoon

I have been a resident of Port Hedland for 26 years and together with my partner have raised a young adult and are raising two further youngsters and we are appalled at what the FIFO culture is turning our town into, along with others in this region, not to speak of how this culture is changing our cities and other towns from where our FIFO workforce comes from.

We have less services, less volunteers, less everything.

Nobody wants to invest anytime here in terms of volunteering, services groups or sporting groups as as soon as the shift is done they are back to camp, and fly off on days off, then these same people will not want to volunteer in their home towns as they want to spend time with their family, so we all lose out.

No money is spent here, everyone puts the towns of the NW down but are quite happy to take the money with them that they earn here. Not all, but a large majority. It is demeaning to have people come and rubbish your home town verbally and by not contributing and putting it down in front of us who have made it our town.

Not sure what the answer is, but for starters making it more economically viable for people to live here who really want to live and stay here would be a great start~!

thank you

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