



Hi , my name is Sharlene Tressider

Thank you for taking the time to come to our town to listen to us.

There are many people who would like to be here today but can't because of work commitments. It would be a good thing if hearings like this could be held after 7pm so that many of the people who are affected by FIFO could also attend.

There's nothing wrong with Fly in Fly Out. The people are needed, and there's nothing wrong with growth.

It's how the government treats our booming communities with the burden of thousands of extra people that counts.

I have lived here for nearly twenty years, and for years we have all worked our guts out. Paid heaps in tax and recieved nothing in return from government.

Finally Brendan Grylls gave us Royalties for Regions. YEE HAA. Someone in politics finally gets it.

And now the Federal Government is going to take it away with the Mining Tax just like WA's share of the GST

FIFO brings with it responsibilities the Government must address.

ROADS there are thousands more people using our roads every day

WATER

ELECTRICITY  
POLICE

MEDICAL SERVICES

UNEMPLOYMENT I hope Hedlands unemployment rate is zero because if it is not then some FIFO should stay home. I remember a few years ago my husband was a highly qualified welder unemployed, while someone in town was bringing in welders from Korea. There should be laws to prevent this from happening . And an ombudsmen we can talk to if it still happens.

You can't keep bringing in more people and expect the same old infrastructure to be able to cope.

Government can't keep taking, it has to put back. The Mining Tax should first be put back into the communities that feel the burden before filling governments bottomless pockets.

THE ZONE REBATE is pathetic, it doesn't even cover the extra cost I have to pay for The West Australian in a year. It should specifically be for the people that live in these zones. Not the people who temporarily reside here and then spend their money elsewhere

Local people are being pushed out because of the increase in cost to rent, airfares, and when the Carbon Tax comes in, I would be surprised if any of our locals could afford our airconditioning bills,

which contrary to what Colin Barnett thinks is actually a necessity and already costs about \$600 a month in summer.

Yeah many of us might earn plenty of money here. But I tell people that want to have a go in Hedland, FLY in Fly out because you won't be able to afford to live here.

I would suggest you all read a copy of our local paper the North West Telegraph and have a look at the cost of local rents and also the ridiculous cost of parking that the Town Of Port Hedland is trying to impose on some local businesses. Also , rate payers now have to pay for parking at the airport, this means we pay twice, because we pay for the airport through our rates.

Parking would not have become an issue at the airport , and it would not be an issue for local businesses without FIFO .

I hope that government will not just listen to your feedback but will act upon some of the issues you bring to their attention.

Thank you