

Reasons for signing

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I have lived in Cobar since I was a 10yr old.

I have seen the town build in my early time here. Lots of kids, lots of sports and lots of people participating in community events.

In more recent times I have seen the opposite. Less children in our schools, not enough people for the sports that used to be played and even less down along Marshall street on a Saturday morning.

There used to be 2 senior men's League teams, two senior men's Rugby teams and an men's AFL team. All contributing to and representing the town. Now we struggle to field one League team and one Union with no AFL. The social and economic benefit from this amount of participants has been completely lost. Potentially a contributing factor as to why we have such a high mental health development among middle aged men in Cobar.

The housing in town is available and affordable. Empty houses everywhere you look. If the mines aren't able to recruit in town it's from their own doing. By going FIFO and DIDO they inherently encourage families to leave. A Mum or Dad on a roster

Don't get to see their children often during their swing. By extending the roster for the mines own benefit. That mother or father can now base their family

Remote to town and offer them opportunities Cobar hadn't in the past. That was entirely each of the mines decision. Without that. There was no further need for the camp.

Encourage the purchase of local housing and community engagement. Because sitting out there on the hill having nothing to do with the town itself may be fine for the remote population, but goes nowhere in supporting Cobar itself.

The camp existence has been detrimental to date as it stands, let alone adding to its capacity. I personally would love to see the camp removed entirely!

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[REDACTED]

NSW needs to enact legislation similar to QLD's Strong & Sustainable Resource Communities Act to protect mining towns like Cobar who are suffering from mining personnels being accomodated outside of town on a FIFO and DIDO rosters and therefore do not spend any money in Cobar town itself.

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I love my town and don't want to see it turn into a ghost town

[REDACTED]

This is my kids future now

[REDACTED]

Cobar is a great little town that has over the last 15 years of me being away slowly dwindled in population this in turn affects businesses and the local community. I have worked in many remote places all over Australia in the last 15 years and have seen the affects of this. It also doesn't end with business fifo/dido is not good for families or relationships with drug and alcohol abuse growing in these places because of this the list goes on

[REDACTED]

My husband Graham was born in Cobar. Three generations of his Grandfathers were all Miners who lived in Cobar and other nearby towns where they were working and the towns flourished. To have FIFO/DIDO miners not contributing to the town's economy will be absolutely detrimental to Cobar and other mining towns. Towns in the bush are having a hard enough time because of the drought and other circumstances. There needs to be legislation put in place, similar to the Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act that has recently come into force in Queensland to ensure the town of Cobar survives.

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Cobar is where I was born and grew up

[REDACTED]

The community is there. No FIFO

[REDACTED]

To support my friends

[REDACTED]

I don't want to see Cobar close down.

[REDACTED]

To have more money spent in Cobar,

[REDACTED]

I'm signing this petition because I believe it is unfair on the community of Cobar as a whole, schools, businesses and recreational activities will suffer

[REDACTED]

This would only be encouraging more people to leave our town. We need our workers to live in and be a part of our town. How is enabling more fifo and dido workers going to benefit our town?

[REDACTED]

I live in Cobar and there are already businesses suffering and school numbers declining. If this camp expands, the numbers will only drop further.

[REDACTED]

I disagree with this expansion due to the impact it will have on the community of Cobar

[REDACTED]

I'm signing because the mining camp means FIFO taking jobs from locals no money spent in the town which effects business

[REDACTED]

So sad to see these towns struggling They need HelpNow

[REDACTED]

Won't to see town expand not disappear

[REDACTED]

They need help

[REDACTED]

I'm signing this petition as I strongly believe this mining camp will take away more jobs and money from cobar. If you want to work in cobar you live in cobar ...they should be made to stay 2yrs if relocation is paid...the council needs to build on cobar not tear it down by allowing ppl to work in cobar and not live in cobar...money needs to be spent locally.

[REDACTED]

To help maintain life in rural towns & enable the community to benefit from the mine.

[REDACTED]

Mining camps are not good for mining towns, workers need to be able to associate with other people and not just the crews they work with. Not a good way of maintaining mental health in people working long hard shifts.

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We need to save our wonderful town say NO to the mining camp employ locals.

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If you work in the town you should live in the town very simple!

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When I first moved to Australia I worked at CSA. I lived in a unit in town and met the most wonderful people, many of whom I am still friends with 13 years later. Cobar has such a vibrant community and FIFO/DIDO workers can play a huge part in that. No need for out of town accommodation, if a camp is needed then it should be incorporated into the town.

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Mining comes in and grabs what it can then leaves when all is depleted. Start giving back a bit of what you have ravaged.

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Support the town and look after locals.

[REDACTED]

I worked at a fifo camp and tried to shop in town as much as I could, but yes I support your petition

[REDACTED]

Cobar needs all the assistance it can get to survive.

[REDACTED]

I use to live in Cobar, the mines are one of the major reason Cobar exists. It needs the money from the people who work at the mines.

[REDACTED]

I love Cobar

[REDACTED]

The town is hurting enough without allowing the camp to expand. We need Mines to employ local people not FIFO.

[REDACTED]

My hometown

[REDACTED]

This is so wrong for small communities trying to survive

[REDACTED]

If you are going to let mining giants profit off an area, their business should at least flow back through the towns, communities and the land they are destroying. At the very very least! They should also be responsible for providing infrastructure to the area. It's the least you could do. They frankly should have to create a source of sustainable energy in every area they have mined to provide continued jobs and create a sustainable future, since they will otherwise just be gutting the place, not remediating it properly as is far too common, and leaving devastation in their wake.

[REDACTED]

Support our rural towns!

[REDACTED]

I believe in supporting small rural communities and their economies. Mining industries need to live and spend local to support the communities that make their industry possible.

[REDACTED]

Cobar is a great town, we need to support business not watch it die.

[REDACTED]

Living in a small town I understand the importance of supporting the local economy. More houses for more employees will lead to more families and more jobs for young and older residents.

[REDACTED]

This is my home town being destroyed by FIFO

[REDACTED]

FIFO has to come to an end. It is destroying our town.

[REDACTED]

It just makes sense 路☑️

[REDACTED]

The little people in small country towns need every encouragement that they can get.

[REDACTED]

Cobar needs a fair go

[REDACTED]

Small communities should be saved

[REDACTED]

It has a terrible impact on the town.

[REDACTED]

It's time to stop this fifo/dido shit and make the workers live in the town
Bring it back to what it was B4 this other shit!

[REDACTED]

Mining companies need to support the local towns and cities

[REDACTED]

This town deserves to survive and thrive

[REDACTED]

Small towns need all the help they can get Some of the money made by the mines should go back into the economy to keep these towns alive

[REDACTED]

I've lived in plenty of small towns, done my share of FIFO. Having lived in Cobar and been graced with its community spirit. I know its not a town that can exist with FIFO. It needs its people to keep it honest and a gem amongst the rocks

[REDACTED]

Cobar is a typical mining town that survives on the mines. By building this camp it not only effects shops but also schools and medical services.

[REDACTED]

These mining camps destroy small towns!

[REDACTED]

FIFO positions at all mines should be kept to a minimum, mining companies should be supporting local communities as much as possible.

[REDACTED]

I am a resident of this lovely town and this is something we should act on behalf of our town. We need to look after our community and businesses.

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The mines should be supporting the town of Cobar.

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The rapid decline in the town is beyond disappointing
Less school enrolments , less spirits and local business are suffering

There are 80 strangers out at that camp & that could be potentially 300 people at least - if families were included
199 would be catastrophic as that is potentially up to 1000 people.

NSW is not isolated compared to QLD & WA
The impact of working away from home is well documented in WA
The social breakdown and associated suicide rates is disturbing
So how are contracting companies allowed to promote this in NSW as it is detrimental & is backwards
And why- how ? On earth did Cobar Shire Council and representatives ever allow this camp in the first place

Ive noticed the decline in the town
Schools are losing enrolled students , sport is suffering and so are local business

80 people can easily be at least 300 people, if families are counted
199 is catastrophic- that could easily be up to a 1000 people

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They should stay in town

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The town needs to survive and prosper and this proposal is detrimental to that.

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The town needs more people to be based in Cobar , the fly in fly out camps don't help!

[REDACTED]

Buy some houses in town it would be a better choice for your employees like csa did peak and elura

[REDACTED]

So many good memories of this place. Just the best place to grow up in the 70's

[REDACTED]

Cobar has survived many a downturn in mining. It has always been a transient population with a strong local community. The FIFO and DIDO culture has changed the dynamics of Cobar.

For Cobar to survive NSW needs to adopt policies similar to Qld and employ local and live local. Encourage families to the town, boost the population and increase funding opportunities for services.

[REDACTED]

Keep people living in cobar

[REDACTED]

It will be another nail in this towns coffin

[REDACTED]

This is freaking stupid!! The council has a lot to answer for!!

[REDACTED]

If workers must eat and sleep at mine at least let Cobar supply their food and necessities - it's not that hard. Your mining their country at least give them back some support . Not hard☐

[REDACTED]

This is killing the town

[REDACTED]

Cobar town will benefit more with employees staying in town

[REDACTED]

My sister lives in this small country town they need more people to move to the area so that the town and its businesses can survive. Extra accommodation for FIFO's will take money away from the community.

[REDACTED]

Cobar is my home I was born and raised here. In the last 5 years Cobar has suffered greatly because of the even time roster. Please help us to get our beautiful town back.

[REDACTED]

I agree with supporting Cobar.

[REDACTED]

Cobar is great place, the town needs support at the local shops

[REDACTED]

My home town

[REDACTED]

The mines should support the town they dont mind taking from this land so they should give back so greedy

[REDACTED]

I'm signing this because we need to promote our local businesses and our town in general. We need to make choices that encourage businesses to invest locally and I strongly believe this development would be detrimental to our town's progress.

[REDACTED]

A former thriving town that supported many isolated farmers out west with the miners bringing their families and enriching their lives by living and working in a country town with lower house prices and good family values. Without these families, Cobar is dying because of the fifo workers not bringing their families and not needing to purchase items from town. No one wins here, not the farmers, not the locals and certainly not the families who miss out on living and growing in a very supportive community.

[REDACTED]

I was born & bred in Cobar as was my children & grandchildren, I do not want to see my Town go down like many other Cobar people are feeling the same way.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Cobar was my hometown and it was an amazing place before FIFO

[REDACTED]

It's so wrong

[REDACTED]

Cobar is a great town with a rich history and should benefit from the mines not be hindered by them..

[REDACTED]

I love my town and don't want to see it turn into a ghost town

Danielle Kind

Greedy mining companies make me mad

[REDACTED]

They need to focus on supporting Cobar so it thrives again not taking it away from the town and businesses as these FIFO's do not shop locally.

[REDACTED]

Cobar is great small outback town and needs the support of BBC the surrounding area

[REDACTED]

I totally agree. FIFOs are no good for a community. They spend nothing but are happy to take advantage of medical facilities etc when needed. Facilities that would not be there if they were camped in the middle of the outback.

[REDACTED]

Save the town of Cobar..

[REDACTED]

I'm signing because this is my hometown and it's sad to see how this FIFO is effecting Cobar. Something needs to change before there is nothing left of our beautiful little community.

[REDACTED]

I lived in Cobar and understand their plight

[REDACTED]

I have seen the affect fifo has changed the town

[REDACTED]

Exactly what has been said is true. COBAR has suffered greatly over many years because of DIDO and FIFO.

[REDACTED]

Small communities deserve better!!

[REDACTED]

Cobar is a great community. FIFO workers have no idea what they are missing and yet suffer from being away from their own communities

[REDACTED]

Good luck Cobar



Need to employ locals before, FIFO workers



Small towns like Cobar are at the mercy of these billion dollar making mining companies - time to defend the Aussie outback country towns!!



A community where people connect and thrive. A place to be proud to be associated with. Opportunities for everyone. Australia needs to maintain strength and prosperity in economic powerhouses like Cobar. The connections across this vast continent in communities built like Cobar and surrounding rural regions need to be government priority. Agriculture, Industry, Sustainability. The answer to the future of our country.



FYFO is destroying small communities



Done



Cobar is not a mining camp and we won't let it become one!



this is not what the town needs,now or ever..no fly ins fly outs taking local hobs

[REDACTED]

The charter for all mining companies should be to care for their workers and to integrate within the community surrounding the worksite. The practicalities of working and living in the community is the obvious solution for the mental health and well being of the workers of the mining company and fostering relationships with the local residents encourages feelings of belonging and security.

[REDACTED]

Country towns should be protected not destroyed. The town thrived when the mining community were part of the town, now all the mines do is take. Protect country living and country economies

[REDACTED]

These towns do things tough enough. Mining companies should be required to support & integrate with the towns, bringing improvement to the local economy.

[REDACTED]

Cobar is an awesome town Make the mines bloody help it

[REDACTED]

Cobar is my hometown.

[REDACTED]

We do not need this to go ahead. It should have never been allowed in the first place

[REDACTED]

We should all be apart of the communities we work in, even if it's just buying groceries.

[REDACTED]

This great town deserves to be saved

[REDACTED]

This is my kids future now

[REDACTED]

Please do not allow the camp to extension to go ahead, our town is slowly dying, we need people to live in town and support our town

[REDACTED]

This is my community and I want to save it

[REDACTED]

We need to support small towns. Work in the small town, support it!!

[REDACTED]

Cobar needs money coming into its economy

[REDACTED]

Without these towns the mining magnates would have never grown, remember where your bread is buttered.

[REDACTED]

Small country towns are dying and Since the introduction of seven on seven off rosters our community has been devastated effecting schools enrolments, medical staff, small businesses, over supply of housing, sporting events etc. it would be fantastic if 80 extra workers relocated with their families and made a commitment to Cobar, instead of putting more people in a mining camp

[REDACTED]

Small communities like Cobar need to be supported in these difficult times. The mine should act like a good citizen and help ensure that local businesses remain viable.

[REDACTED]

FIFO and DIDO needs to stop if small towns are to survive

[REDACTED]

This just shouldn't happen, our town is suffering enough.

[REDACTED]

We need to make Cobar a community again!

[REDACTED]

Every time we visit Cobar it looks like it is slowly dieing. More and more shops have shut each visit we have come. There is no hardware shop, no florist so if there is a funeral etc you need to bring your flowers in from a bigger locality. All because these mines have flown or driven people in and not used the town facilities that were there and they have gone broke. This needs to stop.

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First changing the rosters to 7 on 7 off or 14 on 14 off has significantly hurt our community and now they want to expand the mining camp that's situated on the outskirts of town. These miners spend next to no \$ in town. They simply do their stint at work then fly/drive back to their families. How about they bring their families to town. We need children in schools and preschools. People complain that the few shops we do have had in town are closing down. Why? Because the FIFO/DIDO workers don't spend their money in town and support the local community. We've recently had one mine downsize significantly with further cuts likely. The towns water supply has all but run out. This town can't take much more. How about the mines buy some houses IN town and rent them to the miners at a reduced rate. It'll be a WIN WIN for Cobar. More families in town will help Cobars economy in many many ways. STOP THE MINING CAMP EXPANSION!!!

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The town is dying

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Save Cobar

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Because cobar has a laundry and gym already.

Cobar is struggling with mining rosters and FIFO and DIDO as it is. Without the addition of the proposed DA for extra 120 beds + the above mentioned gym and laundry.

We need families and people to live in cobar, there are currently houses to buy and rentals, so there is no need for a camp extension.

We need \$ to stay in cobar!

When families leave it's a flow on effect from local businesses to school numbers, teachers, funding, sports, it effects every aspect!!

[REDACTED]

A mining towns economy is only based on the miners in the town. Support communities like Cobar.

[REDACTED]

All the towns in Australia have been ruined by fly in fly out WHEN WILL THEY LEARN. you can't keep sustaining everyone in big cities we need more people to live in mining towns

[REDACTED]

what a ridiculous situation. why would a company NOT want to contribute towards the sustainability of the community it is (supposed to be) part of??

[REDACTED]

Hire our locals and keep our town going

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Although we no longer live in Cobar it will always be home and we have a property there that is for sale and we would like to able to keep it tenanted and sell.

[REDACTED]

Cobar needs people in town to help support the town.

[REDACTED]

Cobar is my home town and it is going through enough pain with FIFO/DIDO workers. There is so many homes for sale and rent which would help part of the problems if companies would persue that avenue instead of building there own community on the outskirts of town. Ensure the employment opportunities are residential then the money can be kept within the town businesses. The community needs all the support in can to keep our little town going.

[REDACTED]

These people need to be stopped! The town is struggling enough as it is!!!

Jenny Manns

Please stop this is. Our little town is struggling already without adding anymore pressure to the economy. Shops are closing, houses are vacant and schools are getting smaller.

[REDACTED]

The mining camp has destroyed our town

[REDACTED]

I love this town, it's already doing it bloody tough.
We can't risk more dollars being taken from the business's in town.

[REDACTED]

I am signing because I am passionate about the future of rural & regional Australia ☐☐ The mining camps, Fly In/Fly Out, Drive In/Drive Out is killing our hometown of COBAR

[REDACTED]

Many reasons why I'm signing but in a nutshell I don't wish to see our great community decline even further

[REDACTED]

Small towns across the country are dying and I think the government wants it to happen, more cost effective to have people to move to larger cities

[REDACTED]

This is my home town and this decision will Ruin the town even more.