

Diana and her love/hate relationship with FIFO life

For the first few days life on site was hard emotionally, but mainly just at night when you're alone in your room. I didn't have any friends yet, I didn't know my way around and my support network was miles away back at home and I felt completely alone. To think that you're stuck there for 7 days and even when you go home to your room there's not much to look forward to except the food. Sometimes there are creatures that creep their way into your room but this comes with living in the outback in the middle of nowhere. They also say to watch out for the cows that roam outside the rooms they might charge. Look down when you walk around the site there are snakes. Watch out for the magpies they swoop. Tuck your pants into your socks in case stink bugs crawl up your pants. Keep the toilet seat down the frogs come up the pipes.

There are the obvious perks like free accommodation, free food, good pay, living costs accounted for during your stay so you save a lot. Beautiful sunrises and sunsets, deeper appreciation for ties back at home. Once I made friends it wasn't so bad, but the nights didn't really get any better unless I was busy working on my business. But do the pros outweigh the cons?

Maybe for a few months or a single yr this lifestyle could work, but longer than that I think will drive me crazy. No amount of monetary gain could justify giving up a large chunk of my life for the mines, there has to be a better way to make money. My 7/7 roster was considered a great roster. I have no idea how anyone survives 2 weeks straight or more out there.