



The FIFO Australian Community of Excellence (FACE) is an independent multidisciplinary network of researchers, service providers and community members interested in all elements of Fly-In Fly-Out (FIFO) long-distance commute work, health and lifestyle.

Expertise of FACE include and extend beyond:

- Fly-In Fly-Out work practices
- Emotional well-being
- Health and safety
- Industry and economics
- International issues
- Politics and policy
- Social and physical impact

FACE is a non-profit association which is governed by a constitution. Three co-convenors on an executive committee of eight lead FACE to coordinate activities for FACE members. In March 2015 FACE had approximately 50 active members and people in the network.

The FACE network was formed to serve the FIFO and broader community in which we all live and work. Many of the members of the FIFO Collective, created in 2011, and the FIFO Agency Reference Group (FARG), created in 2013, merged into the FACE network which began in May 2014. Our strengths are our wide academic expertise (nationally and internationally) and the comfort that FIFO workers with lived experience receive in being able to speak honestly to us.

All FACE leaders and members are volunteers: key examples of “people helping people”. FACE experts submitted their review of the literature, analysis of the problems and proposed solutions for the “Inquiry into mental illness and suicide in fly-in, fly-out workers” to appear before the Legislative Assembly Education and Health Standing Committee. The comments made at the hearing are the views of the individuals unless otherwise stated.

FACE facilitates on-going dialogue with policy makers, academia, students, service providers, government, not-for-profit organisations and the public to advance knowledge translation through reciprocal partnerships. The Centre for Innovative Practice at Edith Cowan University donated money to assist the development of the FACE website (facenetwork.com.au).

Current projects:

- FACE has created an “Ask the Expert” link (launched soon) on our website which has access to a large repository of evidence and expertise within the FACE network in Australia and internationally.
- FACE is currently publishing a book on a range of FIFO issues written by industry, academics and service providers.
- FACE held an inaugural forum in March 2015.
- FACE official launch is on May 28, 2015.
- FACE is currently building a library for our members to access relevant FIFO research.

FACE has the capacity to conduct and manage independent FIFO research and to connect all stakeholders without conflict. Our Mission to share and our Vision to learn.