The impact of working arrangements on the physical and psychological health of mine and energy workers and their partners

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Long distance commuting (also known as fly in, fly out, drive in, drive out, etc.) has become a central employment strategy for remote and rural operations in Australia’s extractive resources industries (mining, petroleum). The practice is also widely debated, discussed and blamed for many social ills across Australian society and government, including the recent Senate report partially titled “cancer of the bush”. The University of Queensland Sustainable Minerals Institute has researched different factors surrounding mining workforce health and safety, wellbeing, and retention. Griffith University has a multiple year study into the health and wellbeing of the unionized resource industry workforce and their families. This event will present the most recent findings from research programs in both universities including such factors as impacts on workforce mental health (loneliness, social isolation), accommodation preferences, roster design, fatigue and safety.

Join us for this seminar presented by Professor David Peetz and Dr Georgina Murray from Griffith University, followed by a discussion panel by Dr Jo-Anne Everingham - Centre for Social Responsibility in mining, Philipp Kirsch -Associate Professor and Projects Manager Minerals Industry Safety and Health Centre (MISHC) and Jill Harris – Senior Research Officer (MISHC), and some light refreshments at the end of the panel.

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