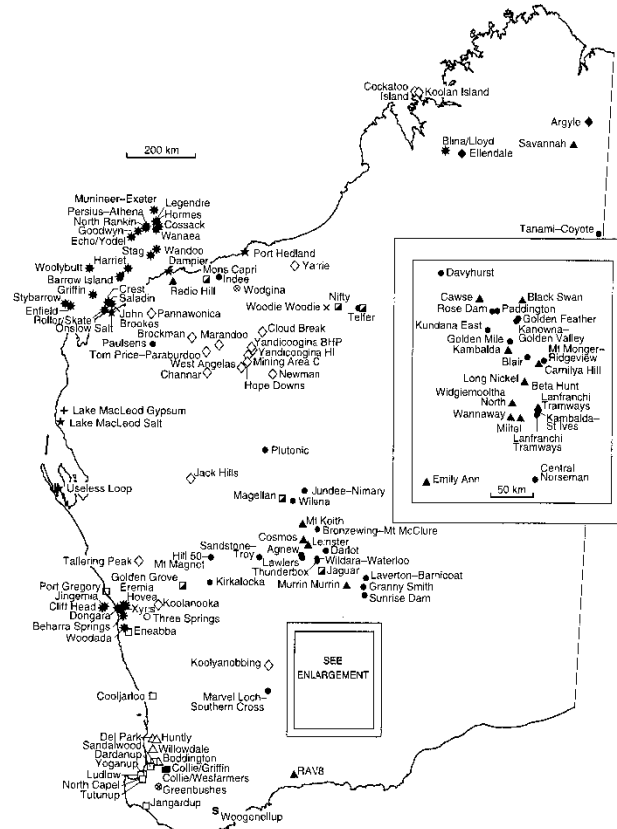




Mining and Community Assessment in Western Australia

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Social Impacts of mining in Western Australia

- Traditionally, social impacts have focused on contribution to the State economy and labour markets
- Limited recognition of the impact at the local level
 - Fly-over effect
 - Paternalistic corporate social responsibility spending
 - Sugar daddy syndrome



Recent Developments

- The BHP Billiton Ravensthorpe Nickel Mine closure
- Negative impact of FIFO on towns such as Port Hedland
- Development of green field mine sites in productive agricultural areas
- Concern that long term sustainability of communities compromised by mining (eg Tom Price)



Recent Developments

- Royalties for Regions
- Pilbara Industry's Community Council



A new way of integrating mining into community

- Some new mines (for example, Newmont at Boddington) now paying local government rates rather than handing over buildings and other infrastructure
- Greater emphasis on local self-determination
- Integration of mining workforce into towns to enhance local expenditure



A new way of integrating mining into community

- Housing incentive program (Newmont)
- Establishment of community trusts
- FIFO not all bad

BUT We need the census to be collecting more accurate data for non-residential labour forces



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