Welcome to Moranbah
‘A funny place – little bit of an oasis in the middle of nowhere’
‘Everything you need’
Moranbah Town Square
Urban design elements
IRC offices on Town Square
Community facilities
Progressive Planning - Adaptive Communities
$6 million
Modern housing
Too good to be true?

Employment opportunities
Too good to be true?

$900/week

‘Most expensive place in QLD’

‘85% out of town investors’

‘Living in cars & tents’
‘...to hell with Moranbah’

‘FIFO = Fly over’

‘Lost battle’

‘Fear’

‘mining dictates’
Conclusion

Mining – godsend/manmade disaster?
Man(State)-made disaster

Negligence + Poor judgement = Disaster
How did this happen?

Grosvenor Estate  Caval Ridge  No of mines
Population growth

![IRC Population Graph]

- Total population in 2011: 50000
- Total population in 2012: 50000

[Graph showing population growth from 2011 to 2012]
Financial dilemma

Australian LG = $ weak
Census - $0 state funding
Banks – $0
Culture of benevolence
What can be done?

‘sterilise some coal to let the town develop’
(Sandy)

‘there is a history and it does matter’
(Summer)

‘a more mature community’
(Steve)
Vulnerability & resilience

Domains of social and human capital  (Adapted from Chief Minister’s Department, 2007, p. 4)
Into the future

- Economic base
- Build capacity
- Research
- Stakeholder consultation
- Educate & inform
Thank you