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# Mining My Own Business

by Xavier Toby

What's life *really* like on a FIFO (Fly In Fly Out) mining site?

Desperate for cash with his credit cards maxed out, Melbourne-based stand-up comedian and writer **Xavier Toby** decided on a quick fix: six months working on a remote mine site in northern Australia.

Out there, in the middle of nowhere, he encounters Damo, Jonno, Robbo and Dale: smoking, drinking and talking rubbish in between endless safety briefings and the odd bit of work.

It's a place where everything's huge, highly explosive or high vis: right down to the socks, jocks and skid marks. Where expletives are punctuation, a \$50 note is loose change and there's enough red dust to fill your nostrils from noon till night.

**Mining Facts:** Employment in the Australian mining industry has more than tripled since May 2000, to around **a quarter of a million**. Perth is now the biggest FIFO hub in Australia: an estimated **52,000** FIFO workers pass through the airport on a weekly basis.

*Mining My Own Business* is the first-ever insider's account of the Australian mining industry that lays bare the experiences of its workers with frankness, honesty and humour.

- ***Mining my Own Business* (UWA Publishing) is out February 2014**
- **Accompanying COMEDY SHOW touring nationally Jan to May 2014**

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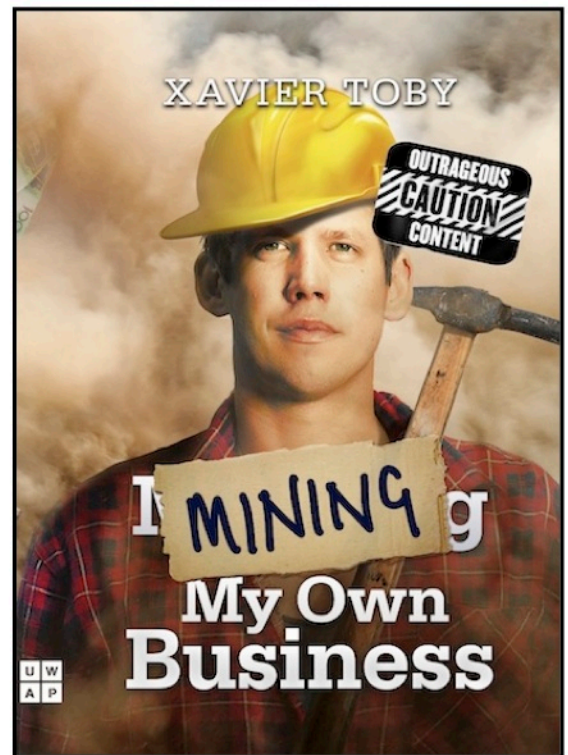
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He's performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2012, and Fringe and Comedy Festivals in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns and Perth.

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