

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA***Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP*

INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' AND 'DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES
IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA****Cairns to host public hearing for FIFO Inquiry**

The Regional Australia Committee will take evidence in Cairns at the first of its Queensland public hearings. The Committee will receive evidence from Skills DMC regarding the newly developed position of FIFO coordinator in Cairns.

The Committee will hear from Advance Cairns, whose submission supports FIFO and declares their intentions to develop Cairns into a FIFO hub; as well as from councils and community groups whose submissions describe the detrimental effects that FIFO/DIDO workforce practices are currently having on their communities.

The Committee will hear from key council and community organisations from Cairns and the surrounding region in a council and community statement session. All are welcome to attend the public hearing.

Date: Tuesday, 21 February 2012

Time:	9.00am	Skills DMC
	9.35am	Advance Cairns (Submission 76)
	10.05am	North Queensland Regional FIFO Group
	10.50am	Kagara Mine
	11.30am	Council and community statement session

Expected Participants

- Cairns Regional Council
- Mount Isa City Council (Submission 165)
- Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce (Submission 162)
- Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Zone (MITEZ) (Submission 160)

Venue: Cairns Regional Council, 119-145 Spence St, Cairns**Webcast: Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)
(audio only)****For media comment:** contact the Chair's media advisor, Graham Nuttall on 0412 916 040.**For information on the inquiry:** contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or 0407 406 337, email ra.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/fifo>