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Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources

Inquiry into how the Mining Sector can Support Businesses in Regional Economies

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Industry Committee goes West

The House of Representatives Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources Committee is travelling to Western Australia this week as part of its mining and regional businesses inquiry.

The Committee has already heard from businesses, local councils, community organisations and individuals in Central Queensland, the Northern Territory and regional NSW at a number of well-attended public hearings.

Deputy Chair of the Committee, Mr Luke Gosling MP, will chair a public hearing in Port Hedland on Tuesday 9 October. The following day, Committee members will travel to Kalgoorlie to hear views from the Goldfields region.

Mr Gosling said the Committee is looking forward to taking the inquiry to Western Australia, which accounts for over half of Australia's output of minerals and energy.

"This inquiry is looking at how the big mining companies are engaging with local businesses and supporting regional communities," Mr Gosling said.

"We know that mining contributes massively to regional economies in Western Australia. However, we have also heard concerns around FIFO, payment terms, and the commitment of mining companies to using local suppliers."

The Committee will hear from mining companies, including Rio Tinto, Roy Hill and Fortescue Metals Group, alongside community members and organisations during the two half-day hearings.

The full hearing programs and terms of reference are available at aph.gov.au/iisr

Public hearing details:

Port Hedland – 8.15am to 12.30pm, Tuesday 9 October, Walkabout Hotel, Port Hedland

Kalgoorlie – 9.00am to 12.30pm, Wednesday 10 October, Rydges Hotel, Kalgoorlie

The hearings are open to the public and will be streamed live at aph.gov.au/live

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