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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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## **Joyce mines Tamworth region for feedback**

The House of Representatives Innovation, Industry, Science and Resources Committee is bringing its mission to learn about the relationship between the mining sector and regional business to Tamworth.

Committee Chair and Member for New England Barnaby Joyce is encouraging locals from New England and the North West to speak up at a public hearing next Tuesday.

The Inquiry is looking at a number of issues, including payment terms offered by mining companies, the impact of FIFO workforce models, and barriers to involvement in mining industry procurement.

The Committee has received dozens of submissions from businesses and organisations around Australia, but Mr Joyce stressed that he wanted to hear the full story.

“I want to hear the views of locals about how much of the wealth earned in our regions through mining is being reinvested in the regions,” Mr Joyce said.

“A parliamentary hearing can sound intimidating, but it’s really as simple as coming along and telling us your views.”

To express interest in speaking at the hearing (which can be done confidentially), read published submissions or to lodge your own submission, visit [aph.gov.au/iisr](http://aph.gov.au/iisr). You can also call (02) 6277 4114 for more information.

**Public hearing details: From 9.00am, Tuesday 4 September, Tamworth Regional Entertainment & Conference Centre, Greg Norman Drive, Tamworth**

The hearing will be streamed live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live).

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