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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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## **Mining inquiry in Tamworth on Tuesday**

The House of Representatives Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources Committee will hear from a variety of organisations in Tamworth on Tuesday.

The Committee is meeting with local councils, the Gunnedah Chamber of Commerce, the NSW Minerals Council, Whitehaven Coal and the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils to get their input into the Inquiry.

Committee members are keen to hear the views of these organisations on issues such as mining company payment terms and debtor finance schemes, local buying programs and policies, and barriers to involvement in mining industry procurement.

“Mining plays an important role in many of Australia’s regional economies,” Mr Joyce said.

“What we have heard so far in the public hearings is that too much of the wealth that is being extracted doesn’t stay in the community and is leaving on the train out of the district. We want to make sure that the wealth that is generated in this region actually stays in this region.”

The hearing is public and all are welcome to attend. The Committee is also still accepting submissions on its terms of reference until the end of September.

To read published submissions or to lodge your own submission, visit [aph.gov.au/iisr](http://aph.gov.au/iisr). Submissions can be made confidentially. You can also call (02) 6277 4114 for more information.

**Public hearing details: 9.30am to 2.30pm, Tuesday 4 September, Star Room, 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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