



**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

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IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

First public hearing for FIFO Inquiry

The Regional Australia Committee will take evidence from the Police Federation of Australia and the National Council of Women, Australia at the first public hearing for the inquiry into the use of 'fly-in, fly-out' and 'drive-in, drive-out' workforce practices in regional Australia.

In its submission, the Police Federation refers to the high costs of living experienced by police officers living near FIFO/DIDO operations, as well as the difficulties of implementing community policing initiatives in towns and regions which have transient populations.

The National Council of Women's submission refers to the stresses placed on families and family structures, increases to workloads and feelings of isolation experienced by women in connection with FIFO work practices. The submission comments upon the difficulties faced by female FIFO workers and women whose partners are FIFO workers.

Submissions to the inquiry can be accessed from the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/fifo. Details for the public hearing are as follows:

Date: **Wednesday, 2 November 2011**

Time: **9:45am** **Police Federation of Australia (Submission No. 124)**
10.30am **National Council of Women, Australia (Submission No. 113)**

Venue: **Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

Webcast: **Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>**

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