

**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****BHP Billiton to give evidence for FIFO Inquiry in
Adelaide**

BHP Billiton will appear before the Regional Australia Committee in Adelaide on Thursday to give evidence for the FIFO/DIDO workforce inquiry. They will give evidence on their operation of the Olympic Dam mine, which employs both a residential and non-residential FIFO workforce.

The Committee will also hear from Mining Family Matters about the costs and benefits for families of FIFO workers. In their submission, they stress the importance of families having the right to flexibility of choice as well support for both FIFO workers and their families. Stating in their submission that, "both [FIFO and residential relocation] have their pros and cons and families should be supported whatever choice they make."

The Committee will also hear from industry representative bodies, including: the South Australia Chamber of Mines and Energy, Business South Australia and the South Australian Freight Council, regarding the concerns of their members and the industry's position on FIFO workforces.

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: Thursday, 8 December 2011

Venue: Terrace Room, Parliament of South Australia, Adelaide

Time:	8:30am	BHP Billiton
	9:10am	South Australia Chamber of Mines and Energy (Submission No. 130)
	9:40am	Business South Australia (Submission No. 13)
	10:30am	Outback Communities Authority
	11:00am	Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland (Submission No. 79)
	11:30am	Mining Family Matters (Submission No. 28)
	12:00noon	South Australia Freight Council (Submission No. 126)
	12:30pm	Associate Professor Sally Ferguson, University of South Australia

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>