

**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**

Moranbah has its say to FIFO Inquiry

The Regional Australia Committee will be hearing from key stakeholders in the community regarding the impact that FIFO/DIDO workforce practices are having on Moranbah. Moranbah Medical, in their submission, highlight the pressures placed upon Moranbah's soft infrastructure such as medical service, police, ambulance and other emergency services.

The submissions from Isaac Regional Council, the Moranbah Traders Association and the Dysart Community Association outline the challenges that their region is currently facing, including: increasing housing costs; strains on infrastructure and services; decline of community volunteer organisations; services and sporting clubs and; difficulties attracting and retaining non-mining staff.

The Committee will also be speaking with high school students from Moranbah regarding their view of FIFO/DIDO and what they see in store for the future of their town.

The Chair, Mr Tony Windsor, said, 'the Committee is aware of the impact FIFO/DIDO is having on this town. We want to hear the real stories of the people of Moranbah.'

The community is welcome to attend the hearing and have their say in an open mike session. Please be early to register to speak.

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2012

Time:	8.30am	Moranbah Medical (Submission 2)
	9.00am	Isaac Regional Council (Submission 81)
	9.30am	Moranbah Traders Association (Submission 109)
	10.20am	Dysart Community Association (Submission 161)
	10.50am	Community Statement Session
	12.30pm	Moranbah State High School

Venue: Moranbah Community Centre, Mills Avenue, Moranbah

Webcast: Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)
(audio only)

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