

**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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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' AND 'DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES  
IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

## **Regional Australia Committee concludes Queensland public hearings in Brisbane**

The Regional Australia Committee will conclude its Queensland public hearings by hearing evidence from a wide range of witnesses in Brisbane.

The Local Government Association of Queensland, in their submission, rejects the approval granted by the Queensland government for BMA Cavel Ridge Mine's change from a 70 per cent FIFO/DIDO workforce, 30 per cent residential workforce, to a 100 per cent FIFO/DIDO workforce. It describes this change as going directly against the advice and decisions of the local council.

However, Vale's submission highlights the difficulties of securing sufficient quantities of labour in the Australian labour market, and warns that the policies which call for mandatory percentages of local residents to be employed has the potential to prevent valuable resource projects from occurring.

The Chair, Mr Tony Windsor, said that, 'this has been an insightful trip, it is has been invaluable to the inquiry for the Committee to see first-hand the impact that FIFO/DIDO has on regional Queensland communities.'

'We have been able to hear from communities affected by the use of FIFO/DIDO workforce practices and now the committee will have the opportunity hear the other side to the story; hear from those who are working in or involved in the resource sector.'

**Date:** Friday, 24 February 2012

**Program is listed below.**

**Venue:** Queensland Parliament, Cnr George and Alice Sts, Brisbane

**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)

**For media comment:** contact the Chair's media advisor, Graham Nuttall on 0412 916 040.

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### **Public Hearing Program**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (Submission 73)</b>
	<b>9.35am</b>	<b>Local Government Association in Queensland (Submission 92)</b>
	<b>10.05am</b>	<b>ARC Research Team (Submission 95)</b>
	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Ausco Modular (Submission 137)</b>
	<b>11.20am</b>	<b>Vale Australia (Submission 87)</b>
	<b>11.50am</b>	<b>Queensland Resources Council (Submission 125)</b>
	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Thiess (Submission 123)</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Ensham Resources (Submission 66)</b>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (Submission 6)</b>
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Regional Development Australia – Darling Downs and South West Queensland (Submission 24)</b>
	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Devine Group (Submission 53)</b>
	<b>3.45pm</b>	<b>Professor John Rolfe, Central Queensland University (Submission 63)</b>

**Submissions are available at:**

**[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=ra/fifodido/subs.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ra/fifodido/subs.htm)**