

**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****Karratha to host first WA public hearing for FIFO inquiry**

The Regional Australia Committee will take evidence in Karratha tomorrow, Wednesday, at the first of its Western Australia public hearings.

The Committee will hear from the Shire of Roebourne and the Ashburton Council regarding the detrimental effects of FIFO workforce practices on local communities as well as the limited opportunities that local governments in Western Australia have had to influence the regulation of FIFO workforce practices.

The Committee will also hear from students of St Luke's College and Karratha Senior High School regarding their views on the future of their community and their experiences living in a community which hosts FIFO workers.

The community is welcome to attend the hearing and have their say in a Community Statement session. Please be early to register to speak.

Date: Wednesday, 28 March 2012**Venue: Shire of Roebourne Council Chambers, Welcome Road, Karratha, WA**

Time:	8.30am	Soroptimist International of Karratha (Submission 67)
	9.00am	Regional Development Australia Pilbara (Submission 98)
	9.30am	Point Samson Community Association (Submission 55)
	10.20am	Ashburton Council (Submission 60)
	10.50am	Shire of Roebourne (Submission 57)
	11.20am	St Luke's College and Karratha Senior High School
	12.00noon	Community Statement

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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