

**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****FIFO workers encouraged to put their view to inquiry**

The Regional Australia Committee will continue its Western Australia public hearings by hearing evidence from a wide range of witnesses in Perth and is encouraging FIFO workers to attend the hearings and tell it how they manage the FIFO lifestyle.

The Committee will also be hearings from a range of key organisations. Fortescue Metals, is expected to tell the Committee about its commitment to, 'support residential workforces where feasible in the Pilbara.' Chandler MacLeod, in their submission, discusses the business necessity as well as the origins of FIFO/DIDO workforce practices. In their submission they refute claims that FIFO/DIDO workers are placing greater strain on communities and call for government and industry to publish best practice case studies for FIFO/DIDO practices.

Health matters will also be on the agenda with the Australian Medical Association expected to highlight the health concerns and needs of FIFO/DIDO workers as well as the challenges faced by remote and regional practices.

Committee Chair, Tony Windsor MP, said that, 'we have seen, first-hand, the challenges faced by those living and working in the north of Western Australia and now the Committee will have the opportunity to hear the other side of the story from Perth-based groups.'

Date: Tuesday, 17 April 2012**Program is listed below.****Venue:** Committee Room 2, Legislative Assembly Committee Office, Level 1,
11 Harvest Terrace, West Perth, Western Australia**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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Public Hearing Program

Time:	8.30am	Australian Medical Association (Submission 146)
	9.00am	Chandler MacLeod (Submission 68)
	9.30am	Fortescue Metals (Submission 86)
	10.20am	Chevron Australia (Submission 80)
	10.50am	AngloGold Ashanti Australia (Submission 100)
	11.20am	Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (Submission 75)
	11.50am	Chamber of Commerce and Industry (submission 167)
	1.00pm	Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia (Submission 99)
	1.30pm	Steve Rose (Submission 147)
	2.00pm	Perth Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Perpetual Indulgence (Submission 157)
	2.30pm	Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (Submission 191)
	3.00pm	Community Statements – members of the public welcome to make 3 minute statements in a ‘open mike’ session.

Submissions are available at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=ra/fifodido/subs.htm