

**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**

Regional Australia Committee holds second day of hearings in Perth

The Regional Australia Committee will continue its Western Australia public hearings by hearing evidence from a wide range of witnesses during its second day of hearings in Perth.

The Committee will be hearing evidence regarding the impacts of FIFO/DIDO workforce practices on children and young people as they receive evidence from both the Commissioner for Children and Young people as well as the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia. The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia, in their submission, asserts that, 'the federal and state governments must mandate compulsory social impact management plans for all proposed mining projects.'

FIFO Families, in their submission, discuss the reasons for many families choosing to FIFO/DIDO instead of living in local mining communities, stating that, 'the cost of living is so highly inflated that it counteracts the high wage' and that, 'in city areas [families] have access to all the amenities, education and health facilities and entertainment that they desire.'

Committee Chair, Tony Windsor MP, said that, 'the Committee has travelled to host communities to hear of the social impacts of FIFO/DIDO on these communities, and have spoken to a number of school groups across the country. Now we have the opportunity to hear from the FIFO/DIDO workers and their families about their experiences of the work arrangement.'

Date: Wednesday, 18 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:	9.00am	Commissioner for Children and Young People (Submission 88)
	9.30am	Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (Submission 132)
	10.00am	FIFO Families (Submission 48)
	10.50am	Anne Sibbel (Submission 122)
	11.20am	Prof Fiona McKenzie (Submission 84)
	11.50am	Western Australia Local Government Association (Submission 156)
	1.20pm	City of Mandurah (Submission 45)
	1.50pm	City of Greater Geraldton (Submission 111)
	2.20pm	City of Bunbury (Submission 89)
	2.50pm	Busselton Chamber of Commerce (Submission 41)

Submissions are available at:

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