

**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****Narrabri to host public hearing for 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 Narrabri and the surrounding region in its first public hearing in New South Wales.

The Committee will hear from the Narrabri Shire Council regarding the difficulties faced by local governments to adequately address the impacts of FIFO/DIDO workforce practices in regional communities. The Shire's submission states that the Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) makes FIFO/DIDO, 'more cost effective than subsidizing permanent accommodation,' and recommends that taxation benefits be reviewed.

The Chair, Mr Tony Windsor MP, said, 'the Committee is keen to hear from the people of regional New South Wales regarding the impacts that FIFO/DIDO is having on their towns and communities.'

Date: Wednesday, 16 May 2012**Venue:** Narrabri Shire Council Chambers, 46-48 Maitland Street, Narrabri, NSW

Time:	9.00am	Narrabri Shire Council (Submission 51)
	9.30am	New South Wales Association of Mining Related Councils (Submission 50)
	10.00am	Narrabri and District Community Aid Services
	10.50am	Cotton Catchment Communities CRC Sustaining Rural Communities Program
	11.20am	Broken Hill City Council
	11.50am	Namoi Community Action Group
	12.50pm	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	1.20pm	Narrabri and District Chamber of Commerce
	1.50pm	Community Statement

Webcast: Live on 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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