



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

*Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Steve Gibbons MP*

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

**Rio Tinto to appear before Regional Australia
Committee in Melbourne**

The Regional Australia Committee will conclude its Victorian public hearings by receiving evidence from a wide range of witnesses in Melbourne regarding the use of FIFO/DIDO workforce practices in Regional Australia.

Rio Tinto in its submission, describes FIFO/DIDO workforce practices as, 'an increasing and essential feature of resources sector operations in Australia for the foreseeable future' and warns that, 'any move to arbitrarily limit FIFO/DIDO or to compel companies to base residential workforces in locations that may not be optimal would seriously impact the sector's ability to meet its labour needs and in some cases threaten project viability.'

The Chair, Mr Tony Windsor MP, said, 'The Committee has travelled all across Australia from the Pilbara to the Bowen Basin to Roxby Downs. We have received invaluable evidence and insights from the communities and organisations that have appeared before this Committee all of which will be essential in the consideration and formulation of recommendations for this inquiry.'

Date: Thursday, 14 June 2012

Venue: Committee Room G6, Parliament of Victoria, 55 Andrews Place, East Melbourne

Time:

9.00am	Australian Mines and Metals Association (Submission 77)
9.30am	Rio Tinto (Submission 149)
10.50am	Australian Rural Health Education Network
11.20am	AusIMM (Submission 58)
11.50am	West Coast Council, Tasmania (Submission 136)

Webcast: Live on http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament (audio only)

Submissions are available at:

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

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