

**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**

## Affordable housing for mining communities

At a public hearing on Wednesday, the Regional Australian Committee will hear from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC) together with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous affairs (FaHCSIA) regarding the provision of affordable housing policies for residents of mining communities.

SEWPaC and FaHCSIA will be asked to outline the policy and administration behind programs such as the National Rental Affordability Scheme, the Housing Affordability Fund, the Building Better Regional Cities Program and the National Housing Supply Council. They will comment on the ways in which these resources are being used to address housing availability and affordability in regional and remote mining communities.

Committee Chair Tony Windsor MP, said, 'the lack of affordable housing in regional and remote communities located near mining projects is an issue that has been raised by communities all across the country. Policies and strategies to provide affordable housing to families living in these communities is an essential focus of this inquiry.'

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 August 2012

**Venue:** Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra

**Time:** 9.45am Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Submission 135) and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous affairs  
10.15am Australian Bureau of Statistics  
10.45am Tourism and Transport Forum (Submission 134)

**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)

All submissions are accessible from the Inquiry's website: [www.aph.gov.au/fifo](http://www.aph.gov.au/fifo).

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