

Office of the Mayor

12th August, 2012

The Secretary,
House of Representative,
Standing Committee on Regional Australia.

Dear Sir,

Re: FIFO Workforce practices

Thank you for the opportunity of providing a supplementary submission to your inquiry and I attach population decline figures for the West Coast of Tasmania.

As you are aware the evidence I gave factually describes the demise and loss of social and financial responsibility of mining communities to the West Coast of Tasmania by resource industries.

For many years the mining companies built towns, supplied housing, health and sporting requirements and supported many clubs and organizations that were assisted to form within these towns. The mines even supplied electricity to some communities, most of this support is now diminished or non-existent.

I believe our proposal for a \$10k zone taxation benefit would assist to reverse population decline and should be trialed as a pilot scheme for 5 – 10 years. State and Federal Governments failure to do anything could result in a social, economic, welfare and volunteer problems.

Note: The Tasmanian State Government will collect over \$50 million in mining royalties this year.

Yours faithfully

Darryl Gerrity

Enc. Advocate/ABS population figures
Mining outputs



West Coast LGA – Dwellings

	2011	2006
Total dwellings	2,971	2,985
Occupied private dwellings	1,931	2,188
Dwelling structure	Separate house – 94.6%	Separate house – 90.7%
	Flat/Unit/Apartment – 3.7%	Flat/Unit/Apartment – 5.9%
	Semi-detached – 0.5%	Semi-detached – 1.9%
Tenure	Owned outright – 42.9%	Owned outright – 45.9%
	Owned with mortgage – 24.5%	Owned with mortgage – 19.1%
	Rented – 28.5%	Rented – 27.8%
Household composition	Single/multi-family household – 62.5%	Single/multi-family household – 60.4%
	Lone person household – 34.8%	Lone person household – 30.7%
	Group household – 2.7%	Group household – 2.7%
Median household rent (weekly)	\$125	\$90
Median household mortgage repayments (monthly)	\$769	\$500
Average people per household	2.2	2.3
Average people per bedroom	1.3	1.1

Other facts:

- West Coast LGA had the biggest decrease in population from 2006 to 2011, falling by 324 people
- West Coast LGA had 0.5 people per square kilometre, the third least densely populated LGA in the state
- The lowest median monthly mortgage repayments in the state were made in West Coast LGA (\$769)

FACT SHEET

West Coast LGA – People

	2011	2006
Total population	4,678	5,006
Population growth	-6.6%	
Indigenous population	6.6%	6.8%
Median age	39	37
Sex	Male – 52.3%	Male – 52.7%
	Female – 47.7%	Female – 47.3%
Country of birth	Australia – 85.4%	Australia – 85.4%
	England – 2.2%	England – 2.3%
	New Zealand – 1.5%	New Zealand – 0.9%
Languages spoken at home	Only English – 92.4%	Only English – 93.3%
	Dutch – 0.2%	Hindi – 0.3%
	Mandarin – 0.2%	German – 0.3%
Religious affiliation	No Religion – 26.8%	Anglican – 28.1%
	Anglican – 25.9%	Catholic – 24.7%
	Catholic – 24.4%	No Religion – 20.9%
Registered marital status (over 15 years old)	Married – 43.2%	Married – 43.6%
	Never married – 37.9%	Never married – 36.7%
	Separated or divorced – 13.3%	Separated or divorced – 13.6%
Median income (weekly)	Individual – \$465	Individual – \$357
	Household – \$966	Household – \$748
	Family – \$1,284	Family – \$989
Family composition	Couple with children – 39.8%	Couple with children – 41.6%
	Couple without children – 43.5%	Couple without children – 43.0%
	One parent families – 15.8%	One parent families – 14.6%

Western end's population decreases by 26 people

Eastern end proves popular

Snakes & Ladders

Population change June 2011-June 2012

EASTERN END

Central Coast	+69 to 22,334
Devonport	+77 to 25,657
Kentish	-23 to 6312
Latrobe	+209 to 10,199
Total	+332 to 64,502

WESTERN END

Burnie	+126 to 20,208
Circular Head	+7 to 8379
King Island	-15 to 1646
Waratah-Wynyard	+14 to 14,327
West Coast	-158 to 4908
Total	-26 to 49,648

Whole region	+306 to 113,970
State	+2988 to 511,195

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics



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THE region's population is continuing to tilt towards the eastern end of the Coast.

Between them, the Devonport, Central Coast, Latrobe and Kentish municipalities gained 332 people between June 2010 and June 2011, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

At the same time, the western end councils (Burnie, Waratah-Wynyard, Circular Head, West Coast and King Island) lost 26 people in total.

That left roughly four people on the eastern end for every three on the western end, with a total eastern end population of 64,502 and western end population of 49,648.

The divergence would have been even bigger but for a strong performance by Burnie, which gained 126 people.

The West Coast shed 158, and that was before the Fossey Mine closure, which can't have helped West Coast population.

King Island also went backwards, while Circular Head and Waratah-Wynyard had minor growth.

As has come to be expected, Latrobe was the shining light on the eastern end, gaining a region's best 209 people.

The region's two most populous municipalities, Devonport and Central Coast, gained 77 and 69 residents respectively, according to the ABS estimates.

Kentish went backwards slightly.

The region overall gained 306 people for the year and the state 2988, taking state

population to 511,195.

The ABS said Tasmania's population grew by about 39,400 people in the decade ending in June 2011.

That 8.4% growth was the nation's lowest, equal to South Australia.

Tasmania was the only state in the decade where population grew by more outside the greater capital city area than in it; 21,400 to 18,000.

Tasmania also had a bigger proportion of residents (58%) living outside the greater capital than any other state or territory.

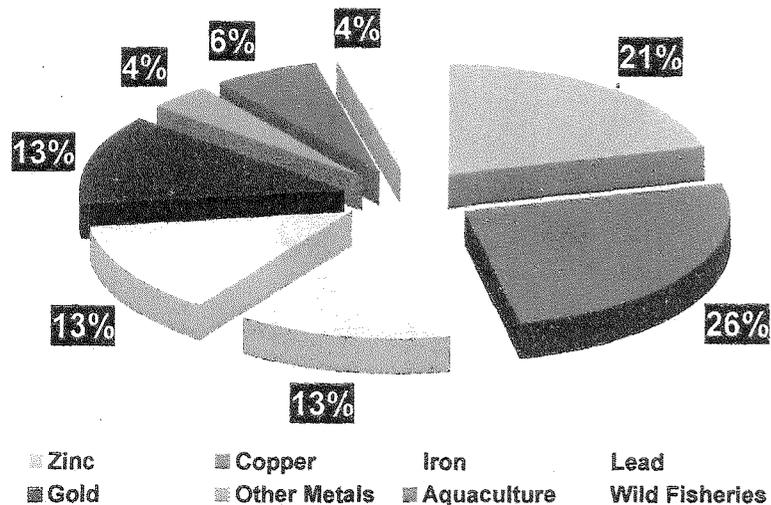
Port Sorell was the region's fastest growing area of the decade, gaining about 1200 people.

The Parklands-Camdale area in Burnie gained 950 and the Sheffield-Railton area about 900.

The West Coast lost about 610 people for the decade.

VALUE OF WEST COAST PRODUCTS

TOTAL VALUE \$1,000m PER ANNUM



MINING

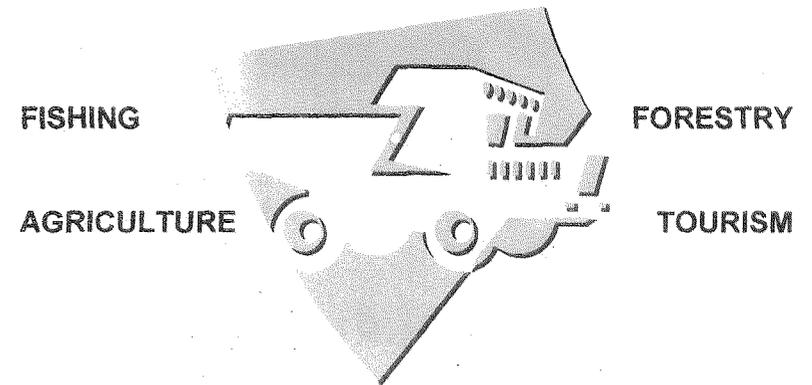
- It is the highest taxed industry
- It pays the highest payroll tax
- It pays the highest income tax per employee
- It pays the highest royalties

TOURISM

- Swells the state's population by an average 2%
- The average tourist spends \$1,500 and stays 10 days. Approximately \$500 per tourist stays in Tasmania (expenditure on petrol, hire cars, fares, etc., mostly leaves the state).

THE 'STATE' OF TASMANIA

MINING STILL OUR MAINSTAY



FACTS AND FIGURES

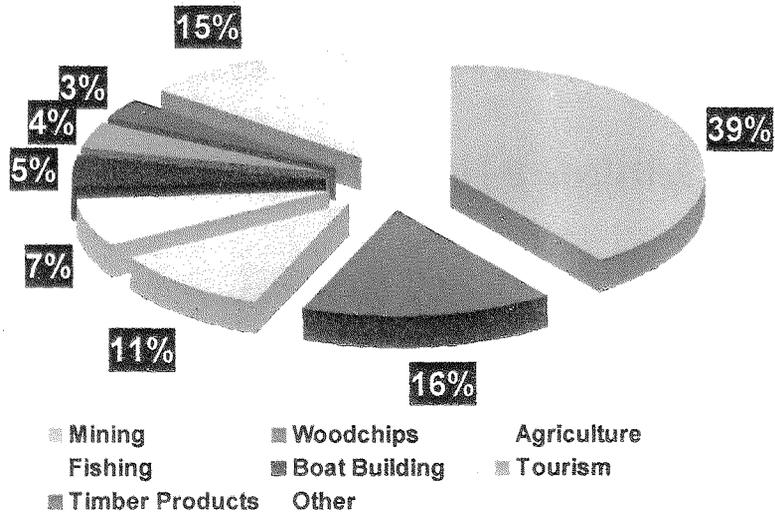
With less than 2% of the state's population, the West

Coast produces 35% of the state's wealth. (1998)

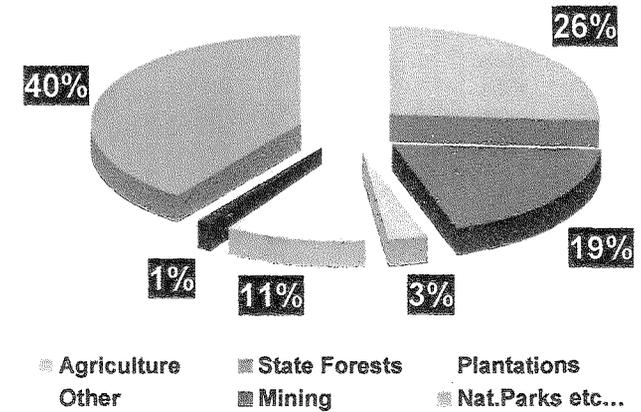
Now Approx 50%

EXPORT EARNINGS

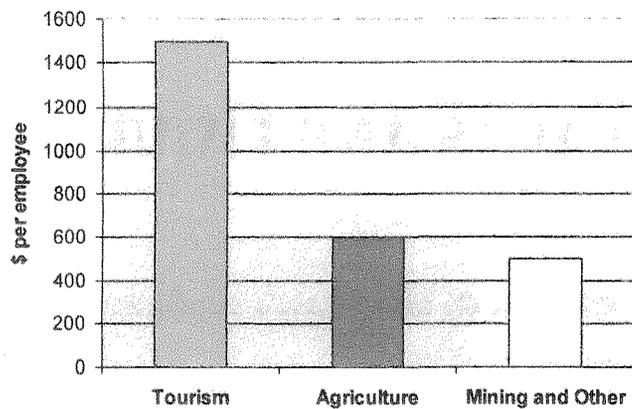
TOTAL \$2500m PER ANNUM



LAND USE



STATE GOVT. SUPPORT



WEST COAST INDUSTRIES

REVENUE GENERATED \$1000m+ PER ANNUM

