

**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

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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' AND 'DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES  
IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA****FIFO not just for miners  
Regional Australia Committee to hear from doctors, sex  
workers and contractors**

The Regional Australia Committee will conclude its New South Wales public hearings by receiving evidence from a wide range of witnesses in Sydney regarding how 'fly-in, fly-out' and 'drive-in, drive-out' workforce practices are utilised by industries outside of the resources sector.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and the NSW Rural Doctors Network (NSWRDN), in their submissions, discuss the necessity and use of FIFO/DIDO, or 'travel-in, travel-out' in health service provision in remote and regional areas. The RFDS, in their submission, also outlines the rise in demand for health services in remote mining regions.

The Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Union, in their submission, assert that 'sex workers are valid FIFO DIDO workers.' They refute claims regarding responsibility for rising STI rates and highlight misrepresentation and racism towards sex workers in the media. The Scarlet Alliance also discusses the role of sex workers in the education, outreach and implementation of safe sex practices in remote and regional communities.

The Chair, Tony Windsor MP, said that, 'While FIFO/DIDO workforce practices are prevalent in the resource sector, it is important to consider how FIFO is used by other industries. This hearing will give the Committee the opportunity to hear the perspective of these other industries.'

**Date: Friday, 25 May 2012****Program is listed below.****Venue: Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW****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**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>TEKTUM (Submission 52)</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Australian Workers Union (Submission 61)</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Scarlet Alliance (Submission 199)</b>
	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Communications Electrical Public Union (Submission 114)</b>
	<b>11.20am</b>	<b>Royal Flying Doctor Service (Submission 115)</b>
	<b>11.50am</b>	<b>NSW Rural Doctors Network (Submission 70)</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>The MAC Services Group (Submission 139)</b>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Frontier Services (Submission 150)</b>
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>National Tourism Alliance (Submission 129)</b>
	<b>3.20pm</b>	<b>CFMEU (Submission 133)</b>
	<b>3.50pm</b>	<b>Australian Youth Affairs Council (Submission 193)</b>
	<b>4.20pm</b>	<b>Tourism and Transport Forum (Submission 134)</b>
	<b>4.50pm</b>	<b>Dr Steve Flecknoe Brown</b>

Submissions are available at:

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