

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

INQUIRY INTO FLY-IN, FLY-OUT/ DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT MINING OPERATIONS

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## FIFO inquiry launched

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia has today launched an inquiry into the experience of fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) and drive-in, drive-out (DIDO) workers in regional Australia.

‘The Committee recognises that the use of fly-in/fly-out and drive-in/drive-out workforces in the mining sector raises a number of significant challenges and opportunities for individuals and their families, communities and employers,’ Committee Chair Tony Windsor said today, ‘we are interested in exploring all of those issue and hope to also hear from mining companies who are utilising FIFO/DIDO for their employees.’

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean, has asked the Committee to look into a range of issues, including:

- the extent and projected growth of FIFO/DIDO work practices;
- the impact of FIFO/DIDO on individuals, communities and companies;
- long-term strategies for economic diversification in towns with large FIFO/DIDO workforces;
- provision of services, infrastructure and housing availability for FIFO/DIDO employees

Submissions close on 7 October 2011 and the Committee is keen to hear from a wide range of individuals, groups, communities and employers involved in FIFO/DIDO operations. The Committee will also be travelling throughout regional Australia to hold public hearings and meet with people involved with FIFO/DIDO. More information and the full terms of reference are available from [www.aph.gov.au/ra](http://www.aph.gov.au/ra) or by contacting the Committee’s secretariat on 02 6277 4162.

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