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Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources

Inquiry into how the Mining Industry can Support Businesses in Regional Economies

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Mining Inquiry digs deep with the ACCC

The Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources Committee will hold a public hearing in Canberra on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 as part of its inquiry into mining sector support for regional businesses.

The Committee has just returned from public hearings in Port Hedland and Kalgoorlie, Western Australia where it heard evidence from major mining companies Rio Tinto, Fortescue Metals and Roy Hill, as well as from local councils, community groups, and businesses associated with the resources industry.

The Committee is now looking to discuss some of the issues raised by witnesses around the country with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

“The Committee has heard reports of practices that are damaging small businesses in the regions. We want to hear from the ACCC to really get down to the heart of the matter and find out if any laws have been broken,” said Committee Chair, the Hon Barnaby Joyce.

The public hearing will also be attended by the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Limited (APPEA).

Public hearing details: 10:45am to 12:00pm, Wednesday, 17 October 2018, Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra.

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live

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