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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 and business Inquiry travels to Rockhampton

The Innovation, Industry, Science and Resources Committee will be holding a public hearing in Rockhampton on Wednesday, 29 August 2018 as part of its inquiry into mining sector support for regional businesses.

The Committee is considering issues including: opportunities for regional businesses in the mining industry; the impact of FIFO workforce models on local communities; and the appropriateness of payment terms offered by mining businesses to suppliers.

Committee Chair, Mr Barnaby Joyce MP, highlighted the importance of mining company expenditure to economies in Central Queensland, and said “Building the long term sustainability of these communities through investment in local jobs and industry needs to be a priority.”

“The Committee wants to understand how much of the wealth generated by mining in this region actually stays in this region,” Mr Joyce added.

The Committee is accepting submissions to the inquiry. Interested parties can read the terms of reference or make a submission on the Committee’s [website](#).

Public hearing details: 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, Wednesday, 29 August 2018, Leichhardt Hotel, Rockhampton.

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

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