



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

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INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

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IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

FIFO Inquiry to hear about voting concerns from Electoral Commissioner

The Electoral Commissioner will give evidence on Wednesday to the Regional Australia Committee's FIFO/DIDO workforce inquiry on the challenges in providing voting services to workers who work on a FIFO/DIDO basis in remote areas of the country. In its submission, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) also expresses concern that FIFO/DIDO workers find it difficult to engage in the electoral process because of the nature of their work.

In the second public hearing for the FIFO/DIDO inquiry, the Committee will also hear from the Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA). In its submission, the RAAA notes the benefits of FIFO/DIDO work practices in sharing the wealth of the resources boom among workers that otherwise would not be able to access mining employment.

Committee Chair, Tony Windsor MP, said 'it is clear that FIFO/DIDO work practices raise many more issues than the divide between city and country living in regional Australia. Access to electoral services and safe regional aviation are just two of the many issues that the Committee is keen to explore as part of this inquiry.'

Submissions to the inquiry can be accessed from the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/fifo. Details for the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Time: 10:00am Regional Aviation Association of Australia (Submission No. 30)
10.30am Australian Electoral Commission (Submission No. 127)

Venue: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

Webcast: Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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