



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

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

*Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Steve Gibbons MP*

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' AND 'DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES
IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

Regional Australia Committee issues key FIFO report

Today the House Regional Australia Committee issued its report into the impact of the fly-in, fly-out, drive-in, drive-out workforce in Regional Australia.

The report highlights an issue that is having a widespread effect on regional Australia and calls for action from governments all levels and industry to address what the inquiry has heard called 'the cancer of the bush'.

The report makes 21 recommendations to Government and 12 suggestions to industry that, if accepted, can build stronger inland regional communities alongside a strong resources industry.

Committee Chair Tony Windsor said, 'it is a pro-regional Australia report that calls for the mining industry to value regional Australia as much as regional Australia values the industry as a major employer and contributor to the wealth of this nation. I hope the Government and industry can work collaboratively to fix an issue that is causing serious problems in some country towns.'

The Chair and members of the Committee will be available for media comment at 1pm today, Wednesday, 13 February 2013.

Date: Wednesday, 13 February 2013

Venue: Senate Courtyard

Time: 1.00pm

The report is available at:

www.aph.gov.au/fifo

For media comment: contact the Chair's media advisor, Graham Nuttall on 0412 916 040.

For information on the inquiry: contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4162, email ra.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/fifo>