



Indigenous employment inquiry - Public hearings in Western Australia

The House of Representatives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee will hold public hearings this week in Kalgoorlie and Perth as part of its inquiry into Indigenous employment.

The Committee is looking at positive Indigenous employment outcomes with a view to informing future policy development.

Committee Chairman Barry Wakelin says the Committee wants to understand how Western Australia is creating new job opportunities for Indigenous people.

“We look forward to hearing in detail how Indigenous employment successes in Western Australia are creating a stronger economy and future for indigenous people,” Mr Wakelin said.

Public hearings will be held in Kalgoorlie on Thursday, 27 October 2005 and in Perth on Friday, 28 October 2005. The Committee will hear from a number of organisations, including the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Pilbara Iron, Newmont Mining, Carey Mining, the Western Australian Government, Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation, Matilda Minerals Limited, Koorlbardi Aboriginal Corporation, The Clontarf Foundation and Cullacabardee Aboriginal Corporation.

The Committee will continue to receive submissions and interested persons and organisations are encouraged to contact the secretariat if they wish to participate in the inquiry.

Further details on the inquiry, including the complete terms of reference, background documents, and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee’s website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4559 or emailing atsia.reps@aph.gov.au.

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