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Committee Secretariat.

House of Representatives Standing Committee on

Regional Australia

P.O. Box 6021

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Dear Sir.

Re : Inquiry into FIFO/BIBO workforce practices in Australia

The Taroom District Development Association Inc requests that the following points be considered within the FIFO/BIBO inquiry

- Workers and their families must be given the opportunity to make living decisions as a family.
- Social and economic sustainability for small communities can only be achieved with a reasonable balance between residential housing and camp accommodation.

- Housing availability and affordability is a key requirement of any plan to provide workers with an option. Mining companies should be required to provide low cost family housing for at least 25% of their workforce within a 100km radius of the work site.
- A restructure to the Tax incentives for resource companies to offset the cost of housing
- Our regions small businesses need the support of the mining companies and the Governments so they can deliver the services our communities require.
- We object to any form of 100% FIFO/BIBO workforce which denies the workers and their families the ability to make choices for themselves. We see a need for a more sustainable balance between a transient and local workforce.
- We are concerned at the lack of long term commitment by the resources companies to rural and regional communities
- The social impact on families when one parent is away from home for extended periods.
- Driver fatigue and road accidents

Yours sincerely

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PRESIDENT