



PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION WANTS TO HEAR FROM THE PILBARA COMMUNITY ABOUT TRANSITIONING FROM THE RESOURCES INVESTMENT BOOM

As part of its study into the impacts of the transition of the Australian economy following the resources investment boom, the Productivity Commission will be hosting a public forum in Karratha on Monday 12 June 2017:

- **Where:** Club Room, Karratha Leisureplex, Dampier Highway (opposite Broadhurst Road)
- **When:** 2pm – 5pm, Monday 12 June 2017.

Please register your interest in attending the forum with Yvette Goss via email (Yvette.Goss@pc.gov.au) or phone (03 9653 2253).

Following the slowing of the mining investment boom, the Australian Government asked the Productivity Commission to undertake a study into the geographical impacts of the transition from the boom and to identify those regions that face significant challenges in transitioning.

In its initial report (released in April this year) the Commission found that, overall, Australia has benefited substantially from the mining boom, with gains expected for decades to come. However, there have been transitional pressures for some people and businesses, and communities are still adjusting to the new conditions.

The Productivity Commission is interested in hearing from people in the Pilbara community about their experiences during the mining investment boom, including the effects of fly-in, fly-out workers, and the transitional pressures the community is now facing following the end of the investment boom.

“We encourage local businesses and individuals in the community to come along and have their say. Hearing from people who are directly affected will make sure we can make practical and workable suggestions for how government can best deal with adjustment pressures. We are keen to hear from people about both their experiences and the factors that influence their capacity to adapt to changes in economic circumstances,” said Commissioner Paul Lindwall.

The Productivity Commission urges people who are unable to attend the open forum to provide submissions or short comments through the Commission’s website. Providing a submission doesn’t need to be a long or arduous process — submissions and comments of all lengths are accepted. You can make a submission via the Commission’s website

www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/transitioning-regions/make-submission

Submissions to the initial report are due by Monday 31 July 2017. Submissions are made publicly available on our website shortly after receipt.

Paul Lindwall is the Commissioner overseeing the study. The initial report is available on the Commission’s website www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/transitioning-regions/initial

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