



Ken O’Dowd MP
Federal member for Flynn

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Backing recommendations contained in Parliamentary committee report.

Federal Member for Flynn Ken O’Dowd has strongly backed a number of recommendations contained in a Parliamentary committee report tabled this week.

One recommendation in particular highlights the need to review the use of casualised workforces and labour hire companies in the mining sector.

The issue was covered in Recommendation 19 of the report handed down by the Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources into how the mining sector can support businesses in regional economies.

Mr O’Dowd has worked alongside neighbouring MP Michelle Landry to put the issue front and centre of the committee’s considerations, and most recently raised the impact of mining workforce casualisation with Prime Minister Morrison during his tour of Queensland.

“My priority is to make sure mining sector employees who call Flynn home feel secure in their jobs,” Mr O’Dowd said.

“I’m 100 per cent behind the recommendation that the government hold a review into casualised workforces and labour hire in the mining sector so workers get a better deal.

“We all know that being employed as permanent casual can present challenges in terms of financial and family security.

“It’s not right that a worker may be unable to secure full-time permanent work, but the same worker can in effect get the same role, but on a casual basis.”

Mr O’Dowd also supported recommendations which focus on delivering a better deal for local businesses connected to the mining sector, including improved payment terms, targeted levels of procurement from local businesses and more easily accessed trades training.

“These are solid recommendations which I can get behind. Movement on these issues would deliver more opportunities for workers and businesses associated with the mining sector, which would obviously strengthen communities and job security throughout Flynn.”

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