

# Economics from the Ground Up

## Special Economic zone in northern Australia?

### Application exercise - group work:

*The Federal Government should create a Special Economic Zone in northern Australia*

In small groups, choose one of the following groups and present an appropriate argument on their behalf with respect to the above contention. Imagine you are:

- A process worker from a recently-closed canning factory in rural Victoria who is considering applying for a job in a mine in WA, on a fly-in-fly-out basis.
- A manager of a company that helps hire Australian labour for resource projects
- A mine owner struggling to find workers
- An Australian worker employed to work in the mine
- The national secretary of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union
- The head of the employer group Australian Mines and Metals Association
- An economist
- An academic who is a migration expert
- The Immigration Minister

You may need to do a little research on the Internet if you are unsure what position these groups might take on the issue.

### Useful links:

- Ms Rinehart's speech: <http://www.sydneyminingclub.org/videos/august-rinehart.htm>
- ANDEV website – Australians for Northern Development and Economic Vision - <http://www.andev-project.org/>
- Department of Immigration "Migration Blog": <http://migrationblog.immi.gov.au/category/457-visa//457-visa/>
- "Gina Rinehart tells whingers to get out of the pub": <http://www.news.com.au/business/worklife/gina-rinehart-tells-whingers-get-out-of-the-pub/story-e6frfm9r-1226461328341>