

Royalties for Rejuvenation

Interim Hunter Expert Panel Meeting No.2 - Summary

Details

Meeting: Interim Hunter Expert Panel
Location: MS Teams
Date/time: Wednesday 30 March 2022, 1pm

Panel Members in Attendance

1. Amy Cooper, Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association
 2. Bob Hawes, Business Hunter (Meeting Chair)
 3. Deb Barwick, NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce
 4. Ivan Waterfield, HunterNet
 5. James Barben, NSW Minerals Council
 6. Joe James, Hunter Joint Organisation
 7. Sarah Withell, Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue
 8. Warrick Jordan, Hunter Jobs Alliance
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Meeting Summary

Introduction

- The second meeting of the Interim Hunter Expert Panel was held on Wednesday 30 March 2022.
- All Panel members were in attendance

Program Opportunities

The Panel was provided with an overview of Council key priorities and potential opportunities from Lake Macquarie City Council, Singleton Shire and Muswellbrook Shire Council.

NSW Hydrogen Strategy

The Panel was provided with an overview of the NSW Hydrogen Strategy which included potential economic benefits for the Hunter region and an update on the Hydrogen Hubs Initiative.

Legislation update

The Panel was provided with an update on the Mining & Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2022. Legislation was introduced into Parliament Tuesday 29 March 2022 and debate will continue to Thursday 31 March 2022.

Note: The Bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 31 March 2022.

Probity and the Interim Hunter Expert Panel

The Panel was provided with a presentation by Procure Group, the presentation provided the Panel with information on:

- What is probity and why it is important
- Probity fundamentals covering; value for money, impartiality, accountability and transparency, confidentiality and conflicts of interest
- Common probity issues
- Case studies

Matters considered by the Interim Hunter Expert Panel

- Following further review by Procure Group and input from Panel members, amendments were made to the Terms of Reference, which include a section on Probity and Stakeholders and Observers. The Panel endorsed the updated Terms of Reference.
- The Panel reviewed the Draft Royalties for Rejuvenation Funding Guidelines, the Panel agreed to defer endorsing the Guidelines pending any future amendments to the Bill that may impact the Guidelines.

Next meeting

The Panel will next meet in May 2022.