

Royalties for Rejuvenation

Interim Hunter Expert Panel

Meeting No.3 - Summary

Details

Meeting: Interim Hunter Expert Panel
Location: DRNSW, 117 Bull Street Newcastle & MS Teams
Date/time: Thursday 12 May 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 third meeting of the Interim Hunter Expert Panel was held on Thursday 12 May 2022.
- All Panel members were in attendance

Legislation/Regulation update

The Panel was provided with an update on the status of the Mining & Petroleum Amendment Bill 2022 which includes provisions to create the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund and associated Expert Panels. The Panel was advised that the Bill was currently before Parliament and scheduled for debate in the Legislative Council on 12 May.

Office of Regional Economic Development

The Panel was provided with an overview of the Office of Regional Economic Development, a branch with the Department that is focused on promoting and attracting investment to regional NSW. The Office was acknowledged as an important partner for the Expert Panels. The Panel requested that regular updates and information be provided regarding investment attraction opportunities at future meetings.

NSW Mining

The Panel received a presentation from the NSW Minerals Council on the Coal Industry Outlook.

Matters considered by the Interim Hunter Expert Panel

- The Panel discussed and provided input and advice to support the finalisation of the draft Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund Guidelines by the Department. The Panel provided input to further define the assessment criteria.
- The Panel discussed opportunities to enhance communication and engagement with communities in coal mining regions. The Panel endorsed initiatives to enhance engagement and communication including development of a website to ensure stakeholders had access to Fund information and updates.
- The Panel considered future priorities and how they can engage with key stakeholders to identify opportunities that deliver outcomes in the regions and support the objectives of the Fund.

Next meeting

The Panel will next meet in June 2022.