

Royalties for Rejuvenation

Interim Hunter Expert Panel

Meeting No.4 - Summary

Details

Meeting: Interim Hunter Expert Panel
Location: NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce, Rutherford & via MS Teams
Date/time: Thursday 30 June 2022, 9am

Panel Members in Attendance

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

Introduction

- The 4th meeting of the Interim Hunter Expert Panel was held on 30 June 2022
- All Panel members were in attendance
- Resignation has been received from Amy Cooper, Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association, Ms Cooper has resigned from her position with the association and has left the region.

Draft Regulations Consultation

The Panel was provided with a presentation as part of the consultation for the Consultation Draft Mining Amendment (Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund) Regulation 2022 (draft Regulations). The presentation included key elements of the draft Regulations such as the affected coal mining regions and the functions of the Regional Expert Panels.

Office of Regional Economic Development

Presentation to the Panel on the Invest Regional NSW Investment Attraction Workshop and current work to identify specific target groups for investment attraction. Office of Regional Economic Development have agreed to undertake a number of Investment Attraction Workshops with identified LGA's.

Recruitment of Expert Panels

The Panel was provided with an update on the recruitment of the four Regional Expert Panels, including a timeline for when the recruitment process would officially commence with advertisements.

Upper Hunter Diversification Action Plan

The Panel was provided with an update on the Upper Hunter Economic Diversification Action Plan and progress of current projects funded under the 21/22 budget.

Matters considered by the Interim Hunter Expert Panel

- The Panel received an overview of 22/23 budget allocation to enable the Panels to progress initiatives or commission investigations or studies. The Panel will investigate proposals for consideration and discussion at DRNSW led workshop in August.
- The Panel requested an opportunity for engagement with regions that have progressed similar diversification opportunities e.g., University of SA, Latrobe Centre of Policy Studies and Mitchell University.