

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Hunter Expert Panel Meeting No.2 - Summary

Details

Location: DRNSW Office, 117 Bull Street,
Newcastle West - L02.15 and MS
Teams

Date/time: 15 February 2023, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Chairperson: Bob Hawes

Panel members in attendance

1. **Chairperson:** Bob Hawes (Chairperson)
2. Joe James
3. James Barben
4. John Turner
5. Warrick Jordan
6. Fiona Plesman
7. Roberta Ryan (via MS Teams)
8. Elizabeth Watts (via MS Teams)

Meeting Summary

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair, Bob Hawes, welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Awabakal country.

The Chair call for any Declarations of Interests and no new conflicts were declared at the meeting.

2 Expert Panel Meeting - Opening and update since last meeting

The Panel endorsed the Minutes and noted the Actions from the previous meeting.

3 Election of the Deputy Chair

The Expert Panel elected Fiona Plesman as Deputy Chair of the Hunter Expert Panel.

4 Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund (RRF) Probity

Rod Lambert from Procure Group provided a presentation on Probity.

5 Communications Plan

The Department provided an overview of the draft Media and Communications Plan.

6 Overview of RRF Program Components

The Department facilitated a workshop with the Expert Panel to inform the development of a Theory of Change, Program Logic and Program Guidelines for the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund.

7 Updated Hunter Regional Economic Development Strategy

The Department provided a presentation on the draft updated Hunter Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS).

8 Strategic Projects process discussion

The Department provided a presentation on the Strategic Projects process.

9 Strategic discussion on priorities

The Expert Panel discussed a number of immediate priorities requiring greater examination by the Hunter Expert Panel, including mapping the skills and enabling infrastructure available and required in the region; and understanding the possible land use issues that may be preventing alternative land uses of coal mining sites planning closure.

The Expert Panel agreed to invite the Department of Planning and Environment to present on the Hunter Regional Plan 2041 at the next meeting.

10 General Business

The Forward Program for meetings was discussed. Expert Panel members agreed to provide suggestions to the Secretariat for future presentation topics which support the functions and operations of the Expert Panel.

11 Actions and close

The Chair thanked the Expert Panel members and closed the meeting.