

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Central West Expert Panel Meeting No. 2 - Summary

Details

Location: Maldhan Ngurr Nurra Transformation Hub, Lithgow NSW and MS Teams

Date/time: 6 March 2023, 9am-12noon

Chairperson: Brad Cam

Panel members in attendance

1. Graeme Osborne
2. Kerrie Edwards
3. Neil Perry
4. Wendy Mason

Meeting Summary

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair, Mr Brad Cam, welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Wiradjuri country.

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

Kerrie Edwards was appointed as Deputy Chair.

4 Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund (RRF) Probity

Rod Lambert from Procure Group provided a presentation on probity.

5 Lithgow diversification issues and opportunities

Lithgow City Council provided a presentation on the Lithgow Emerging Economy Project (LEEP).

6 Presentation on key themes from Mid-Western and Lithgow Regional Economic Development Strategies

The Department of Regional NSW (the Department) provided a presentation on the updated Lithgow and Mid-Western Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS).

7 Strategic discussion on priorities

The Department provided a presentation on the key strategic documents, activities and challenges in the Central West Orana Region.

The Expert Panel discussed a number of immediate priorities requiring greater examination by the Expert Panel, including: strengths of the region; projects underway as well as proposed diversification projects and opportunities in the region; understanding water security; and understanding barriers to economic diversification.

8 Program Design Workshop

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.

9 General Business

No items of general business were raised by the Expert Panel.

10 Actions and close

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