

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Hunter Expert Panel Meeting No.3 - Summary

Details

Location: Room 2, Singleton Diggers, York Street,
Singleton NSW 2330 and MS Teams

Date/time: 22 March 2023, 9am-12noon

Chairperson: Bob Hawes

Panel members in attendance

1. Joe James
2. Elizabeth Watts
3. James Barben
4. Warrick Jordan
5. John Turner
6. Fiona Plesman

Meeting Summary

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair, Mr Bob Hawes, welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Wonnarua 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 Land Use Planning – presentations and strategic discussion

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) presented on the Hunter Regional Plan 2041 and key activities related to post mining land use issues.

Mining Exploration and Geoscience (MEG), within the Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW), presented on the Practical Guide - Post mining land use (January 2023) guideline.

Singleton Council and Muswellbrook Shire Council provided an update on land use planning issues in their Local Government Areas.

Regional Development DRNSW presented on regional diversification projects in the Upper Hunter.

The Expert Panel discussed the work of DPE and MEG, lessons learnt, barriers and opportunities relating to land use planning in the Muswellbrook and Singleton areas.

The Expert Panel agreed to further engage with proponents from the region who are undertaking, or have undertaken, the process of mine closure and rehabilitation for an alternative land use/s.

4 Next Steps in developing Program Guidelines

Regional Programs DRNSW provided an update and next steps in developing program guidelines for the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund.

5 General Business

The Expert Panel discussed options for consulting with stakeholders outside formal meetings and set a forward meeting schedule.

6 Actions and Close

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