

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

North West Expert Panel Meeting No.2 - Summary

Details

Location: Geni.Energy Building
129 Maitland Street
Narrabri NSW 2390

Date/time: 23 March 2023, 1:30-4:30pm

Chairperson: Andrew Johns

Panel members in attendance

1. Sarah Withell
2. Sally Hunter
3. Robyn Faber
4. Guy Roth

Meeting Summary

1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair, Mr Andrew Johns, welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Kamilaroi 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

Sally Hunter was appointed as Deputy Chair.

4 Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund (RRF) Probity

Shane Boyd from Procure Group provided a presentation on Probity.

5 Presentation on key themes from Lower North West and Upper North West Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS)

The Department of Regional NSW (the Department) provided a presentation on the updated Lower North West and Upper North West REDS.

6 Strategic discussion on priorities

The Department provided an update on the work of Regional Development, DRNSW and also key activities and challenges in the North West Region.

The Expert Panel discussed a number of immediate priorities for their further examination, including:

- Narrabri Special Activation Precinct (SAP)
- Namoi Regional Job Precinct
- the nearby New England Renewable Energy Zone
- understanding water security and infrastructure

- workforce and skills; and
- understanding the plans for transition to Net Zero.

7 Program Design Workshop

The Department facilitated a discussion with the Expert Panel to inform the development of program guidelines for the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund.

8 General Business

The Panel discussed the timing and frequency of future meetings and agreed to continue to meet monthly for the next 3 months.

9 Actions and close

The Chair thanked the Expert Panel members and closed the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Gunnedah in May 2023.