

# Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

## Illawarra Expert Panel Meeting No. 3 - Summary

### Details

Location: iAccelerate, Innovation Campus, North Wollongong and Microsoft Teams

Date/time: 9 May 2023 1.00 - 4.00pm

Chairperson: Bianca Perry

### Panel members in attendance

1. David Campbell (Deputy Chair)
2. Jim Allan
3. Adam Zarth
4. Kylie Flament
5. Alex Frino
6. Michael Reay

## Meeting Summary

### 1 Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Dharawal country and welcomed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander present, as well as all other meeting participants.

### 2 Expert Panel Meeting - Opening and Update since last Meeting

The Chair noted that Panel member Ben Fitzsimmons was an apology for the meeting. Panel members noted the status of actions and endorsed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Jonathan Wheaton, Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW), updated the Panel on the regional portfolio, including ministerial portfolios, Departmental engagement with Ministers, and the Commonwealth budget announcement to establish a National Net Zero Authority.

### 3 Declarations of Interest

No new interests were declared. Panel member Kylie Flament noted recent interactions with an economic geographers' group who may be able to present to the Expert Panel in the future (information only).

### 4 Strategic Priorities for the Illawarra Expert Panel and Development of Expert Panel Action Plan

Panel members agreed the following strategic priorities:

- Skills and workforce planning
- Renewable energy
- Defence industry
- Housing supply

The Panel agreed to work collaboratively with other Expert Panels in relation to possible manufacturing opportunities for the Tangara trains, as well as activities associated with the circular economy and the NSW renewable energy zones.

Panel members discussed the development of a stakeholder engagement and communications' plan and identified some of the key stakeholder groups that should be included in the Plan. Members agreed to identify further stakeholder groups as the stakeholder engagement and communications' plan is developed.

The Panel agreed to consider a draft 'Statement of Strategic Priorities' and 'Action Plan' prior to their next meeting.

## **5 Baseline Report**

Amanda Yeung, Astrolabe Group, presented key findings of the draft Illawarra Baseline Report.

## **6 General Business**

The Panel discussed recruitment of further Expert Panel members. Scott Morgan, Aboriginal Partnerships Manager from the Department, provided advice to the Panel regarding culturally-appropriate engagement with local Aboriginal people in the context of future recruitment activity.

The Chair noted that the next Panel meeting would take place on 20 June.

## **7 Actions and Close**

The Chair thanked meeting participants and closed the meeting.

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