

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

North West Expert Panel Meeting No. 3 - Summary

Details

Location: Gunnedah Cultural Precinct, 83 Chandos Street, Gunnedah NSW 2380

Date/time: 11 May 2023, 1:00-4:00pm

Chairperson: Mr Andrew Johns

Panel members in attendance

1. Ms Sarah Withell
2. Ms Sally Hunter
3. Ms Robyn Faber
4. Mr 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

Panel members noted the status of actions and endorsed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr Jonathan Wheaton, Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW), provided the North West Expert Panel (the Panel) with a DRNSW update including engagement with Ministers, and the Australian Government budget announcement to establish a National Net Zero Authority.

3 Declarations of Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interests. No new declarations were raised at the meeting.

4 Discussion regarding lessons learnt from previous workforce transitions in the Gunnedah region

The Former Mayor of Gunnedah, Mrs Gae Swain, provided insights into her time in office in the 1990's, a period of economic downturn and lessons learned from her experience.

5 North West Baseline Report

Ms Amanda Yeung, Astrolabe Group, presented key findings of the draft North West Baseline Report.

6 New England REZ

Dr Mark Apthorpe, Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate, provided an overview of activities undertaken in the region to date.

7 Overview of coal resources and mining in the North West region

DRNSW (Mining, Exploration and Geoscience) provided an overview of coal resources and mining in the North West region.

8 Development of an Expert Panel Action Plan

DRNSW facilitated a discussion on the next steps for the Panel including the development of a draft Action Plan and Communications and Engagement Plan.

The Panel discussed the priorities to progress the Panel's work.

9 General Business/Forward Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Quirindi on 22 June 2023.

10 Actions and close

The Chair thanked meeting participants and closed the meeting.