

## Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

### Central West Expert Panel Meeting No. 5 - Summary

#### Details

Location: Mudgee Stables, 82 Market Street, Mudgee  
NSW 2850 and MS Teams

Date/time: 7 August 2023 09:30 am to 12:30 pm

Chairperson: Brad Cam

#### Panel Members in Attendance

1. Kerrie Edwards (Deputy Chair)
2. Graeme Osborne
3. Neil Perry

#### Apologies

1. Wendy Mason

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#### Meeting summary

##### 1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair 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 accepted the minutes of the previous meeting and noted the status of actions.

##### 3 Declarations of interest

The Chair called for new declarations of interest. No new interests were declared.

##### 4 Department of Regional NSW update

The Department of Regional NSW updated the Panel on its work to consider regional authority model options, in line with the Government's election commitment, the budget review process, and the need to align and integrate with the work of the Expert Panels.

##### 5 Central West and Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)

Mid-Western Regional Council presented on lessons learnt by affected councils from the Central West and Orana REZ.

The Panel discussed challenges and opportunities in the region from the REZ.

##### 6 Presentation on regional water strategies and water sharing plans

The Department of Planning and Environment's Water Group presented on relevant non-statutory regional water strategies and statutory water sharing plans.

## 7 Strategic priorities for the Central West Expert Panel and Expert Panel Action Plan

The Panel discussed the draft strategic priorities for the Central West Expert Panel and Expert Panel Action Plan to deliver on those priorities.

## 8 General business

The Chair noted that Expert Panel Chairs would next meet on 15 August 2023 and that this would include a meeting with the responsible Minister and Ministers with regional portfolios subject to their availability.

The Chair thanked participants and closed the meeting.