

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Illawarra Expert Panel Meeting No. 4 - Summary

Details

Location:	Business Illawarra, 8 Regent Street, Wollongong and Microsoft Teams
Date/time:	20 June 2023 1:00 to 4:00pm
Chairperson:	Bianca Perry

Panel Members in Attendance

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

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 people present, as well as all other participants.

2 Expert Panel Meeting – Opening and Update since last Meeting

The Panel accepted the minutes of the previous meeting with one amendment related to the Panel's Strategic Priorities.

3 Declarations of Interest

No new interests were declared.

4 Office of Regional Economic Development Investment Attraction Activity in the Illawarra

Office of Regional Economic Development presented on investment attraction activities in the Illawarra. The Panel noted investment and other opportunities relating to manufacturing and energy, in particular.

5 Update on Expert Panel Chair Meetings 15 and 16 May

The Chair updated the Panel on outcomes of the Expert Panel Chairs meetings on 15 May and 16 May 2023.

6 Development of Expert Panel Action Plan to support implementation of agreed Strategic Priorities

The panel noted that based on the priorities agreed at the last meeting, the Department has worked with the Chair and Deputy Chair to prepare a draft Expert Panel Statement of Priorities and Action Plan. The Panel will further review and provide comments on the Statement of Priorities and Action Plan out of session.

7 Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone

Energy Corporation of NSW and the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate presented on the Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone, focussing on workforce planning.

The Panel noted advice on future opportunities relating to renewable energy, and challenges relating to workforce skills and training.

8 Transition Authorities

The Panel was provided with an overview of model options for Transition Authorities.

9 Funding Program Guidelines

The Department provided an overview of feedback from all Panels on Draft Program Guidelines, and the Panel endorsed the Department preparing a final set of Guidelines and assessment methodology for endorsement by the 4 Expert Panel Chairs.

10 Communication and Engagement Strategy

The Department provided the Panel with a draft Communications and Engagement Strategy. The Panel agreed to provide feedback on the proposed strategy.

11 General Business

The Chair reminded the Panel of arrangements for the forthcoming meeting with the Hon. Ryan Park, MP, in his capacity as Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast.

The Chair noted that the next Panel meeting, Meeting no. 5, would take place 1 August 2023 at BlueScope Steel Visitor Centre, Coniston.

12 Close

The Chair thanked the meeting host, Business Illawarra, Panel members, guests and the Department and closed the meeting.