

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Illawarra Expert Panel Meeting No. 5 - Summary

Details

Location: BlueScope Steel Visitors Centre, North Gate Entrance, Springhill Road, Coniston NSW 2500 and MS Teams

Date/time: 1 August 2023 12:30 pm to 03:30pm

Chairperson: Bianca Perry

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

Panel member apologies

1. Adam Zarth

Panel members in attendance

Meeting Summary

1 Acknowledgement of Country and welcome

The Chair welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Dharawal country.

2 Presentation by Modern Manufacturing Commissioner and panel discussion

The Modern Manufacturing Commissioner presented to the Expert Panel. The Commissioner's remit is to develop and implement a strategy to grow manufacturing capabilities in NSW. The Panel discussed local manufacturing, the role of TAFE NSW and University of Wollongong, procurement policies, and investment attraction strategies for NSW.

3 Expert Panel meeting – opening and update since last meeting

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

4 Declarations of interest

The Chair called for declarations of interest. The Panel noted a declaration from a member of the Panel and requested that a new Interests, Declaration and Undertaking form be completed. The declaration will be added to the register, monitored, and managed appropriately.

5 Finalisation of 'Illawarra Expert Panel – Strategic priorities and action plan'

The Panel endorsed the final plan and agreed to provide it to the responsible Minister for information.

Department of Regional NSW update (non-agenda item)

The Department of Regional NSW updated the Panel on its work regarding transition 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.

6 Regional Economic Transition Models – panel discussion

The Panel discussed transition authority model options and agreed to support advice from the four Expert Panel Chairs to the Minister.

7 Panel discussion

The Department of Regional NSW presented the 'Illawarra Shoalhaven 10-year defence industry strategy'. The Panel discussed opportunities relating to the national defence supply chain, including highly skilled jobs and accelerated economic development.

8 General business

The Panel agreed to review its future meeting dates for 2023. The Chair thanked participants and closed the meeting.