

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Hunter Expert Panel Meeting No. 6 - Summary

Details

Location: Q Building, The University of Newcastle,
Level 2, 16B Honeysuckle Drive,
Newcastle NSW 2300

Date/time: 20 July 2023
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Chairperson: Fiona Plesman (Acting Chair)

Panel members in attendance

1. Elizabeth Watts (via Zoom)
2. Warrick Jordan
3. Robin Williams (via Zoom)
4. Professor Roberta Ryan (via Zoom)
5. Joe James
6. James Barben

Apologies

1. Bob Hawes (Chair)
2. John Turner

Meeting Summary

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The A/Chair welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Awabakal 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 A/Chair called for declarations of interest. The Panel noted a declaration from a member of the Panel and a new Interests, Declaration and Undertaking form will be completed.

The Expert Panel noted that this declaration did not currently present any conflict.

4. Strategic priorities for the Hunter Expert Panel and Expert Panel Action Plan

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

5. Post mining land use

Idemitsu and Yancoal presented on their alternative land use projects and lessons learnt to date. The Panel noted the lessons learnt from these projects.

6. Post mining land use (continued)

The Department of Planning and Environment provided an overview of a strategic project to support alternative land uses in the Hunter.

7. Advice to the Minister on transition options

The Expert Panel considered model options for Hunter transition authorities and the Panel agreed to provide advice to the Minister on key considerations for the Hunter.

8. General business

The Panel discussed future agenda items and agreed to allocate time at the next Panel meeting to discuss post mining land use and request presentations from EnergyCo on the Hunter Transmission Line.

The A/Chair thanked meeting participants and advised that the next meeting will take place on 24 August 2023 in Cessnock.