

Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund

Hunter Expert Panel Meeting No. 7 - Summary

Details

Location:	Performance Arts Culture Cessnock (PACC) 198-202 Vincent Street Cessnock NSW 2325
Date/time:	24 August 2023 9:30am to 12:30pm
Chairperson:	Fiona Plesman (Acting Chair)

Panel members in attendance

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

Apologies

1. Bob Hawes (Chair)
2. James Barben
3. John Turner

Meeting Summary

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The A/Chair welcomed all participants and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Wonnarua 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.

The Department of Regional NSW updated the Panel on regional portfolio commitments, including the Future Jobs and Investment Authorities election commitment and the recent Hunter Roundtable.

3. Declarations of interest

The Chair called for declarations of interest. The Panel noted a standing declaration from a member of the Panel.

4. Debrief from the Hunter Roundtable

The Panel discussed the Hunter Roundtable held in Cessnock on 8 August 2023 and the Department of Regional NSW shared an overview of key themes from the oundtable.

5. Post mining land use

Lake Macquarie Council presented on creating new economic opportunities by unlocking post-mining land and the associated economic diversification work being undertaken by Council in conjunction with other Councils.

The Institute for Regional Futures presented on post mining land use and key planning considerations for the Hunter.

6. EnergyCo

EnergyCo provided the Expert Panel with an update of projects underway in the Hunter. The Panel invited EnergyCo to present again at a future meeting.

7. Update from Expert Panel Chairs Meeting

The A/Chair provided an update of discussions and outcomes from the Expert Panel Chairs Meeting.

8. General business

The Panel discussed future agenda items and agreed to cancel the September meeting, and requested the Department provide a virtual budget update briefing in October.

The A/Chair thanked meeting participants and advised that the next meeting will take place on 2 November 2023.