

Register of Advice Provided by Regional Expert Panels to the Minister for Natural Resources in Quarter 1 - 2023/24

Section 292X of the *Mining Act 1992* requires the Secretary of DRNSW to keep a public register on the Department of Regional NSW website of a summary of the advice and recommendations given to the Minister by the Expert Panels under that section.

| Expert Panel | Subject | Summary | Date |
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| Expert Panel Chairs | Advice - Expert Panel Priority Focus Areas | <p>Advice on the strategic priority areas that the Expert Panels had identified as common across their respective regions and agreed to collaborate to progress where appropriate. The common strategic priority areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills and Workforce (to inform workforce planning and training) • Renewable Energy Zones and the new energy economy (including workforce requirements) • Housing affordability and availability • Local manufacturing opportunities <p>The Panels outlined they would provide advice in the near future in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Mining Land Use issues and opportunities • Design and launch of the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund and recruitment approach | 7 July 2023 |

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| Expert Panel Chairs | Advice: Regional Authority Model Options | <p>Advice about the considerations for regional authority models that should inform the Government’s thinking about design and implementation. The considerations centred around the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function, structure and governance • Funding arrangements and administration • Model flexibility and capacity to expand and contract • Need for close collaboration across the 4 regions and a focus on consulting with each region | 3 August 2023 |
| Expert Panel Chairs | Advice and recommendations: Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund | <p>Advice and recommendations on the scope and timing of Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund (the Fund), including recommendations that Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider opening an initial round of the Fund for applications • Commit a specified dollar amount from the Royalties for Rejuvenation Fund over the forward estimates • consider the progression of draft program guidelines for the Fund | 3 August 2023 |
| Hunter Expert Panel | Advice: Regional Authority Model Options | <p>Advice on the key considerations that the Panel agreed should inform government decision making about design and implementation of a regional authority for the Hunter.</p> <p>The key considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing collaboration with the Hunter Expert Panel to ensure the deep understanding of issues and opportunities in the Hunter region • Role of the Expert Panel in working with the authority must be clearly articulated and roles should be leveraged to ensure a strong regional voice. • Any regional authority model should have a regional presence and take a place-based approach that is responsive to particular regional needs | 4 August 2023 |

| Expert Panel | Subject | Summary | Date |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model structure, governance and reporting • Need for the authority to have a functional mandate that is not duplicative or another layer of bureaucracy • Funding arrangements and administration | |
| Hunter Expert Panel | Advice: Post Mining Land Use Quick Wins Project | <p>Advice communicating support for the proposed Post Mining Land Use (PMLU) Quick Wins Project.</p> <p>The PMLU Quick Wins Project is intended to create a framework that can be used to facilitate site specific place strategies that when progressed will enable mine and power station sites to transform into employment hubs that will deliver economic, social and environmental benefits.</p> | 11 September 2023 |