



UPPER HUNTER MINING DIALOGUE ANNUAL FORUM 2017 PROGRAM

22 November 2017
Club Singleton
50 Pitt St, Singleton NSW

The Forum will be part of a live broadcast of Hunter Valley Today on 2NM hosted by Stephen Cenatiempo and featuring interviews with speakers and attendees.

Wednesday 22 November 2017

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| 8:30am | FORUM OPEN | |
| 8:30am | Arrival and networking | Tea, coffee and fresh fruit available |
| 8:55am | Welcome to Country | Scott Franks, Tocomwall |
| 9:00am | Welcome from Facilitator | Di Sneddon, Facilitator |
| 9:05am | UHMD 2017 Year in Review: Looking Back, Looking Forward | James Barben, Director Policy, NSW Minerals Council & David O'Brien Chair, Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue |
| 9:20am | Key Findings of the Hunter River Water Quality Study | Professor Richard Bush, Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources, University of Newcastle |
| 9:40am | Key Findings of the Cattle Grazing Study | Neil Griffiths, Department of Primary Industries |
| 10:00am | Feedback and Discussion Session 1 Performance & Objectives of the Dialogue and Projects | In table groups, with facilitator at each table <i>What is the Dialogue doing well, what could be improved and what projects should it focus on?</i> |
| 10:45am | MORNING TEA BREAK | |
| 11:15am | School Mine Tours Program Update | Raelene O'Brien, Glencore |
| 11:35am | Learnings from Lusatia - Voids research proposal findings | Dayjil Fincham, Hydro Engineering & Consulting |
| 11:55am | Feedback and Discussion Session 2 Community Engagement | In table groups, with facilitator at each table <i>Is the Dialogue targeting the right people and opportunities, how should the Dialogue improve engagement across the region?</i> |
| 12:40pm | NETWORKING LUNCH AND VR MINE TOUR DEMONSTRATIONS | |
| 1:40pm | Synoptic Plan Review Update & Economic Diversification Plans | Stephen Wills, Department of Premier & Cabinet |
| 2:00pm | DRG's Rehabilitation Reform Program Priorities | David Blackmore, Division of Resources and Geoscience |
| 2:20pm | Feedback and Discussion Session 3 Synoptic Plan / DPC discussion | In table groups, with facilitator at each table <i>Review the scope of the plan review, key timeframes and milestones, progress achieved and potential improvements</i> |
| 3:20pm | Summary of Forum Outcomes | Di Sneddon, Facilitator |
| 3:30pm | FORUM CLOSE | |

2017 Forum Guide - Information regarding the Feedback and Discussion Sessions

The 2017 Annual Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Forum provides an opportunity for our key stakeholders across the Upper Hunter region to provide feedback on how the Dialogue is progressing and whether we are meeting our objectives. Attendees will note that the 2017 Forum consists of three distinct sessions, each with a feedback and discussion session. Further advice on the sessions is outlined below:

1. Performance and Objective of the Dialogue and Projects

Key feedback needed: *What issues do the community want addressed moving forward?*

The Dialogue undertakes many projects each year. We want to hear honest feedback from attendees on the performance of the Dialogue throughout 2017 including where we are performing well and where we can make improvements. The Dialogue is also seeking guidance from attendees on what projects or priorities we should be focusing on in 2018. Are there any issues that have fallen off our radar, or emerging issues in the Upper Hunter community that we are yet to consider?

2. Community Engagement

Key feedback needed: *How can we best engage with more people through the Dialogue?*

The Dialogue can only be an effective community initiative if we continue to have active community members involved and invested in our discussions and projects. The Dialogue has engaged with over [75 stakeholder participants](#) from across various sectors since 2011. We want to hear from attendees on whether the Dialogue is targeting the right people and the right opportunities. Are there any sectors of the community whose concerns and ideas we are not capturing? Further, how can the Dialogue improve engagement across the region? Do other communications channels exist which may improve community awareness of the Dialogue?

3. Synoptic Plan Review Discussion

Key feedback needed: *How is the Synoptic Plan Review progressing? What priorities do we need to consider as we plan for the future of the Upper Hunter?*

At the 2016 Forum, the NSW Government committed to host a workshop to commence the review process for the Synoptic Plan, a document prepared in 1999 which provides the principles for an integrated approach to land management and post-mining rehabilitation for the Hunter. The June 2017 workshop brought together a range of stakeholders through facilitated group discussion sessions to identify key priorities for the refresh of this Plan. The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has coordinated a working group to deliver on three main components:

- 1. High Level Objectives** - Developing an integrated and holistic approach to the review of the Plan that considers economic, environmental and social perspectives, utilises new technology and can align with regional and local government plans and processes.
- 2. Information Gap Analysis and Prioritisation** – Consolidating the vast amount of existing information to ensure it is accessible, as well as incorporating new data requirements to provide a complete picture.
- 3. Communication and Engagement** - The DPC has committed to lead the review process and undertake genuine consultation with stakeholders by providing regular and transparent information, as well as establishing clear timeframes and a scope to guide the Plan's development.

The final feedback and discussion will be led by the DPC, which is seeking feedback from attendees to help further refine the scope and develop key timelines to deliver a renewed Synoptic Plan. Attendees are asked to consider whether there are any issues yet to be captured in the Plan review? Are the key timeframes and milestones achieved to date satisfactory? How can we improve the review process to ensure the best outcome for the Upper Hunter communities?