



Upper Hunter
Mining Dialogue

2024 Community Forum

Tuesday 29 October 2024

Singleton Civic Centre

FORUM PROGRAM

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 am	Forum Opens - Breakfast and Coffee Provided (Civic Centre Foyer)	
MORNING SESSION 1		
9:00 am	Welcome to Country	Uncle Warren Taggart, Walkabout with Warren
9:05 am	Introduction to 2024 Community Forum	Jessica Rouse, Forum Facilitator
9:15 am	Chair Address	John Watson, UHMD Chair
9:25 am	Update on Annual Projects and Priorities	James Barben, UHMD Secretariat
9:40 am	Air Quality 2024 Progress Update	Russ Francis, Zephyr Environmental
10:00 am	Upper Hunter Economic Outlook (includes Q&A)	Robin Griffin, Wood Mackenzie
10:30 am	Morning Tea Break - Pastries and Coffee Provided (Civic Centre Foyer)	
MORNING SESSION 2		
11:00 am	NSW Government Update	The Hon. Emily Suvaal MLC, Member of the Legislative Council
11:20 am	Climate Change Policy & Action Plan - Impacts for Hunter	Shagofta Ali, NSW Environment Protection Authority
11:40 am	Update from Mt. Arthur Coal's Pathway to 2030	Liz Watts, BHP - NSW Energy Coal
12:00 pm	Q&A with Session 2 Presenters	Facilitated by Jessica Rouse
12:20 pm	Lunch Break - Lunch and Refreshments Provided (Civic Centre Foyer)	
AFTERNOON SESSION		
1:00 pm	Planning for Transition - Insights from other regional examples	Roberta Ryan, Institute for Regional Futures
1:20 pm	Feedback Session	Small tables
3:00 pm	Closing Remarks and Forum Close - Thank you all for attending!	



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INTRODUCING YOUR PRESENTERS

EMILY SUVAAL MLC **NSW Parliament**



Emily was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in March 2023 and is a member of the Minns Labor Government. She is Chair of the Standing Committee on State Development and leading the current Upper House inquiry into the Beneficial and Productive Use of Post-Mining Land. Emily is proud to call the Hunter Valley home and is passionate about improving local services and future-proofing our economy.

ROBERTA RYAN **Institute for Regional Futures**



Professor Roberta Ryan's career as a social scientist has focused on bridging the gap between governments, the private sector and communities across a range of complex public policy areas. She is nationally recognised for her expertise in mediating and facilitating shared outcomes in contested and sensitive environments.

ROBIN GRIFFIN **Wood Mackenzie**



Robin has 28 years of experience in mining operations, research, and consulting. At Wood Mackenzie he leads market analysis for metals and mined commodities, with past roles in coal consulting, research, and price forecasting.

LIZ WATTS **BHP**



With over 24 years in mining, Liz is now pursuing a Doctorate in Sociology and Anthropology focused on sustainable mine closure. As BHP's Vice President of NSW Energy Coal, she leads efforts to transition Mt Arthur Coal to closure by 2030, balancing social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

RUSS FRANCIS **Zephyr Consulting**



Russ is a senior air quality consultant at Zephyr Environmental with 11 years of professional experience. Russ' areas of expertise include ambient and occupational air quality monitoring, and emissions estimation. Russ has prepared the annual air quality analysis for the Upper Hunter Monitoring Network for the past two years.

SHAGOFTA ALI **NSW EPA**



Shagofta has over a decade of experience in strategy and policy reform across the NSW and Australian Governments. Before joining the EPA Shagofta worked in a range of natural resource management portfolios including in the water, primary industries, crown land, resources and energy portfolios.

JESSICA ROUSE **Forum Facilitator**



Jessica is a full-time journalist at The Coalface Magazine and was previously the News Director at NewFM and 2HD. Jessica is passionate about local communities and their stories, particularly the mining communities in NSW and the people who live in them.

JOHN WATSON **Chair, Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue**



John was appointed Chair of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue in December 2023. As Director of Environment & Community at Glencore Coal Assets Australia and a long-term Dialogue participant, John is attuned to the concerns impacting Upper Hunter stakeholders.