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Image: Black Rock Motor Resort

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Our Ask

To replace imminent and substantial job losses right across the Hunter region from mine industry closures by 2030, urgently invest $20M to enable Hunter councils to:

- Pilot the reactivation and repurposing of current and former mining lands and infrastructure, across a range of scenarios, to create urgently needed new employment lands across the region

- Directly de-risk industry investment and strategically inform and accelerate industry attraction, skills development and job creation urgently needed as the Hunter's economy rapidly transforms away from coal.

Delivery of regional, local and site specific plans

will

Incentivise business development

resulting in

Keeping local jobs for local people

Outcome

- Clear and certain planning pathways for existing owners and incoming investors to reuse and adapt current mining and industrial lands to activate the Hunter's new and high value jobs.

- Reduce the significant commercial risk currently deterring new and expanded investment in the reuse of mining and industrial lands.

- Re-use existing infrastructure and already disturbed land to remain productive for local communities.

- Entice new, clean, high value industries based on net zero and circular economy principles such as renewable energy, smart manufacturing, resource recovery and high value agriculture.

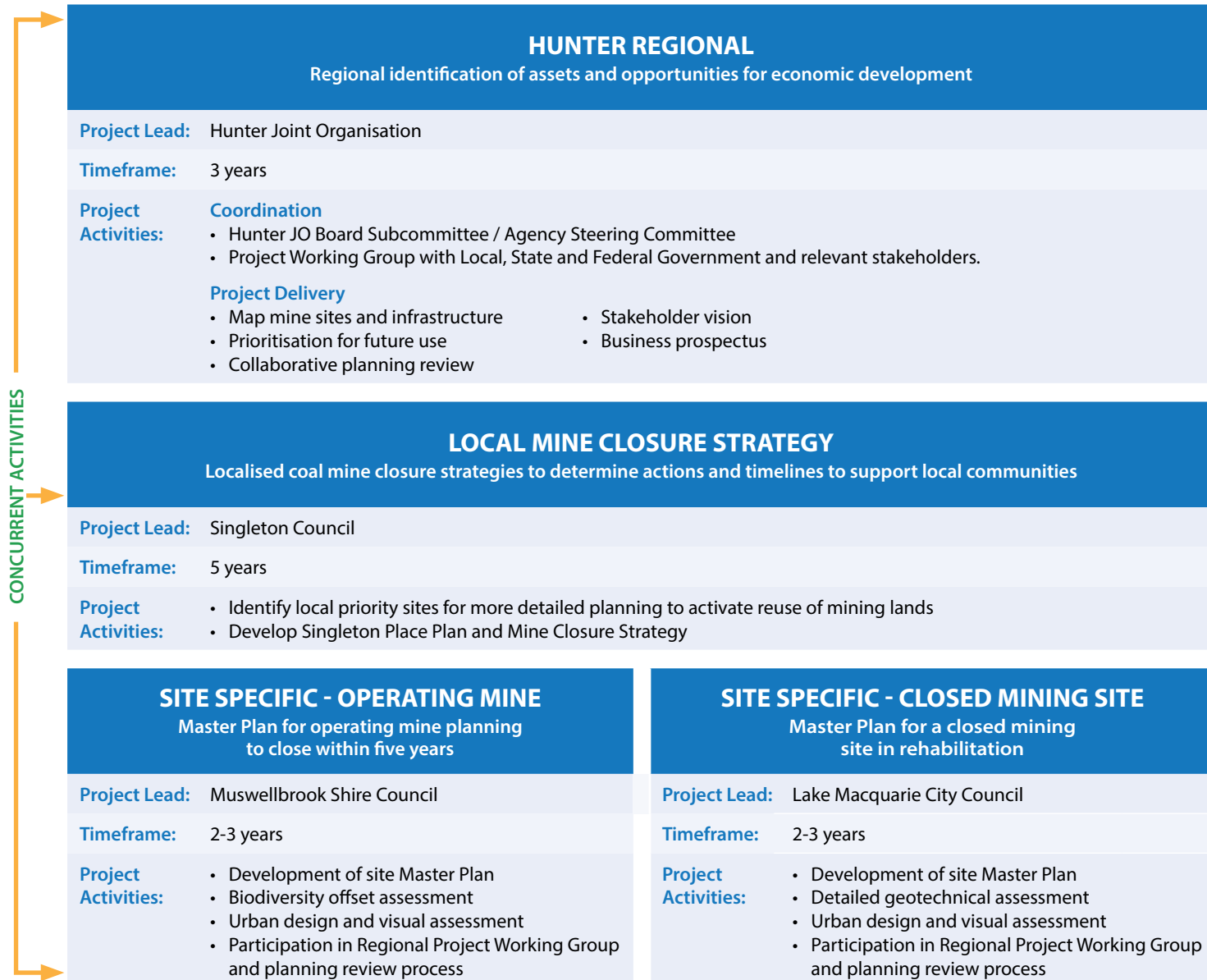**www.hunterjo.nsw.gov.au**

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There needs to be greater urgency to plan for the impacts as we move away from coal.

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- **By 2030** alone, almost **12,000 jobs will be gone** unless we take action now.

- In 2023/24 budget, NSW mining royalties delivered $3 billion to consolidated budget. There was **no funding made available to mining impacted communities.**

We don't have time to waste - we need support to take action now.

We are proposing to undertake a regional audit of all mining lands and infrastructure across the Hunter, while simultaneously developing a pilot Place Based Mine Closure Strategy for Singleton and Master Plans for two identified priority mine sites in Muswellbrook and Lake Macquarie.

CONCURRENT ACTIVITIES

HUNTER REGIONAL
Regional identification of assets and opportunities for economic development

Project Lead:	Hunter Joint Organisation
Timeframe:	3 years
Project Activities:	**Coordination** • Hunter JO Board Subcommittee / Agency Steering Committee • Project Working Group with Local, State and Federal Government and relevant stakeholders. **Project Delivery** • Map mine sites and infrastructure • Stakeholder vision • Prioritisation for future use • Business prospectus • Collaborative planning review

LOCAL MINE CLOSURE STRATEGY
Localised coal mine closure strategies to determine actions and timelines to support local communities

Project Lead:	Singleton Council
Timeframe:	5 years
Project Activities:	• Identify local priority sites for more detailed planning to activate reuse of mining lands • Develop Singleton Place Plan and Mine Closure Strategy

SITE SPECIFIC - OPERATING MINE
Master Plan for operating mine planning to close within five years

Project Lead:	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Timeframe:	2-3 years
Project Activities:	• Development of site Master Plan • Biodiversity offset assessment • Urban design and visual assessment • Participation in Regional Project Working Group and planning review process

SITE SPECIFIC - CLOSED MINING SITE
Master Plan for a closed mining site in rehabilitation

Project Lead:	Lake Macquarie City Council
Timeframe:	2-3 years
Project Activities:	• Development of site Master Plan • Detailed geotechnical assessment • Urban design and visual assessment • Participation in Regional Project Working Group and planning review process

Outcomes from this approach can be used as a framework to accelerate planning for other mining regions and communities across NSW and Australia

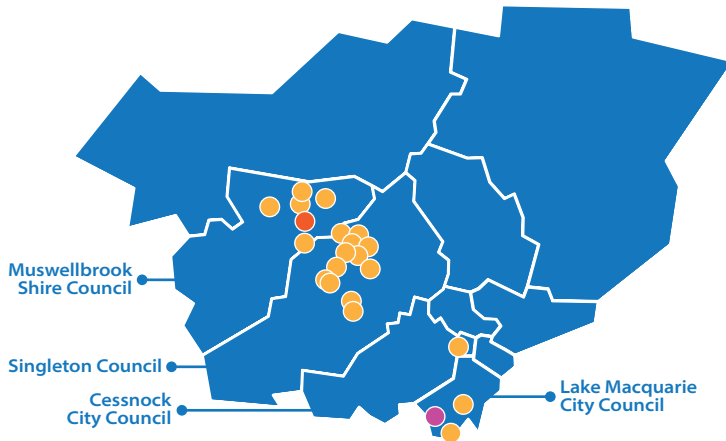**We'd love to continue the conversation. Please contact Kim Carland on 0460 034 614 or kimc@hunterjo.nsw.gov.au**

Regional Context

Hunter Region

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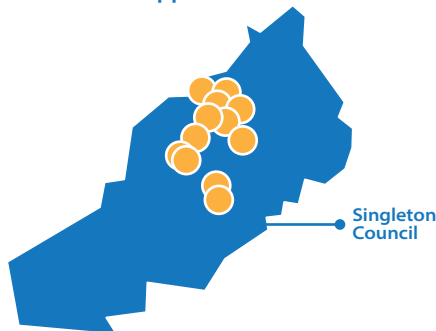
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Muswellbrook Shire Council

Singleton Council

Cessnock City Council

Lake Macquarie City Council

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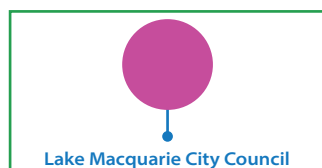**Localised coal mine closure strategies to determine actions and timelines to support local communities**

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Lake Macquarie City Council

● Coal Mines   ● BHP Mt Arthur Coal Mine   ● Glencore Macquarie Coal Mine

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