



Post Mining Land Use

By 2030, nearly 12,000 direct and indirect jobs will be lost in the Hunter region with the closure of just two mines. Over the next couple of decades a further 22 coal mines are due to close, impacting almost 50,000 direct and indirect jobs in the region (FIJA Issues Paper, 2023). Without urgent intervention, the scale of disruption to communities and the regional economy will be profound.

The recent collapse and closure of just one Hunter Valley mine has demonstrated the enormous and imminent impact on local communities and businesses that will occur as mines close.

Mining royalties account for more than \$3 billion in the NSW Government's 2025/26 budget, but no direct funding is available to mining impacted communities to plan and action their economic transformation away from coal.

We acknowledge and appreciate the NSW Government's full support for all recommendations arising from the "Inquiry into the Beneficial and Productive Post Mining Land Use". The need to implement the recommendations and to stand up the NSW Future Jobs and Investment Authority is urgently needed to accelerate the reuse and redevelopment of mining related lands to create new industry and jobs in the Hunter.

Challenge	Advocacy Ask
Complex Governance	One Minister accountable for multiagency delivery and reporting of Inquiry recommendations.
Under-resourced Councils	Resourcing Councils to deliver planning and actions that directly support local communities transform their economies.
Urgency of Implementation	Urgent delivery of all recommendations from the Post Mining Land Use Inquiry. Accelerating establishment and action by the NSW Future Jobs and Investment Authority.
Need for Local Mine Closure and Reuse Plans	Investment in Council led pilots to develop Masterplans for reuse of priority mine sites and to prepare local and regional mine closure strategies.



Representing the communities of the Hunter Region

The Hunter Joint Organisation is the statutory collaborative body that brings together the **ten Councils in the Hunter Region, NSW** to provide a united and local voice for our communities

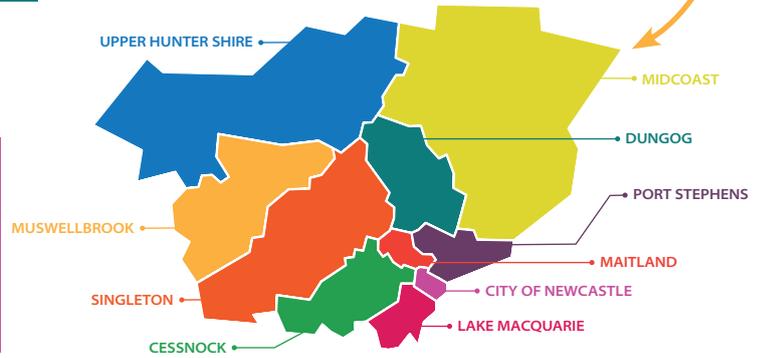


Has a rapidly growing population forecast to reach **1 million people by 2040**



Current Hunter Population **800,000**

Gross Regional Product
\$91b
REMPAN 2025



Our Statutory Mandate	Strategic Planning and Priority Setting
	Regional Leadership and Advocacy
	Intergovernmental Collaboration

Our Member Council Mayors

Cr Sue Moore
Mayor Singleton Council
Chair Hunter JO

Cr Leah Anderson
Mayor Port Stephens Council
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Cr Daniel Watton
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Cr Digby Rayward
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