



Post Mining Land Use

A key priority for 2026 is planning for Post Mining Land Use, due to the scale of change facing our region:

- According to coal industry modelling shared with our Member Councils, 12,000 direct and indirect jobs are expected to be impacted by two coal mine closures by 2030.
- Business incentives and investment attraction.
- Impacts across the Hunter will be close to 50,000 direct and indirect jobs in the Hunter region (FIJA Issues Paper, 2023).

We're calling for the Federal and NSW Governments to come together with Local Governments to collaborate on delivery, and provide a greater level of investment to support the Hunter region through this transformation and strategically plan for post mining land use opportunities.

The recent collapse and closure of just one Hunter Valley

mine in 2025 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 strategic planning to prepare and implement local and regional mine closure strategies.