



Economic Transformation Post Mining Land Use Inquiry

Our Ask - 1

Request NSW Government to urgently progress post mining land use Inquiry recommendations by:

- Providing bi-monthly progress updates to the Hunter JO Board.
- Sharing evidence and data being collected with agreed confidential protections as required by NSW Government, to allow Local Government to plan for their communities and services.
- Inviting Local Government council staff to regular thematic working group meetings.

Context

- As outlined in the NSW Inquiry recommendations, without urgent intervention, the scale of disruption to communities and the regional economy will be profound.
- Post mining land use has been identified as a shared regional advocacy priority of the 10 local governments in the Hunter for this reason.
- As the third level of government local councils play a critical role in place-based planning, enabling investment, and community transition. However, their capacity to act is severely limited by insufficient funding and staff resources.
- Many initiatives required for successful transition lie outside the typical remit of standard local government operations, and councils need dedicated support to deliver effectively.

Our Ask - 2

Provide a timeline on:

- Region-wide mapping of all Hunter mine sites, creating a unified dataset to inform strategic planning, infrastructure investment, investment attraction, environmental management, and post mining land-use decisions.
- Detailed assessment of the 92,000ha of mining related land in Singleton, to provide a clear, evidence-based assessment method, identify future land-use options, and inform future place strategies and closure planning.

Context

- We appreciate the in-kind investment being provided for two pilot projects in Lake Macquarie and Muswellbrook, developing Masterplans for two mine sites.
- However, there is currently a lack of planning for over 20 mine sites and thousands of hectares of mining related lands across the Hunter region.
- There is currently no information available in a consolidated format on a regional scale that demonstrates the mine sites, and their potential for economic or environmental outcomes.
- We're seeking this information to help local government plan for employment lands that create new jobs in their communities.



We'd love to continue the conversation

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