

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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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

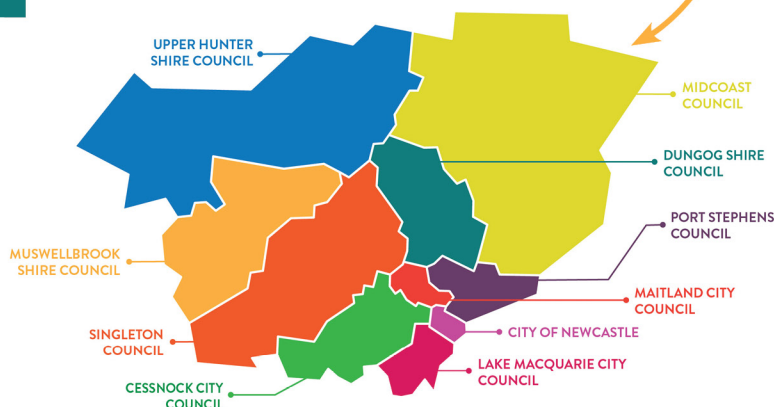
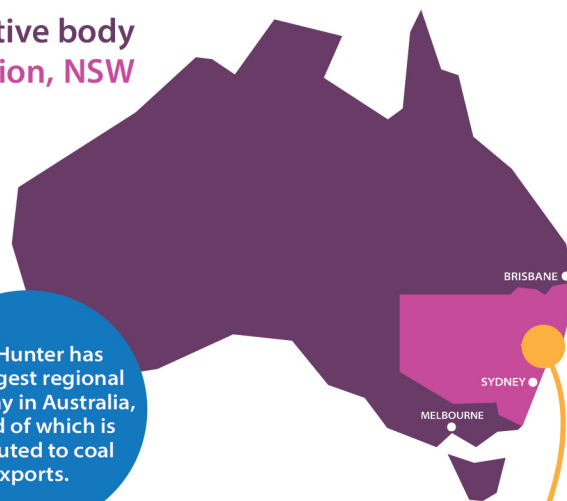


Gross Regional Product

\$91b

REMPAN 2025

The Hunter has the largest regional economy in Australia, a third of which is attributed to coal exports.



Our
Statutory
Mandate

Strategic Planning and Priority Setting

Regional Leadership and Advocacy

Intergovernmental Collaboration

Our Member Council Mayors



Sue Moore

Mayor Singleton Council
Chair Hunter JO



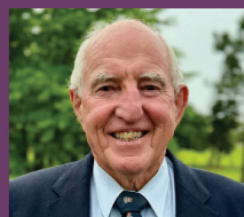
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