

Upper Hunter and Mid-Coast Urban Development Program – Meeting #1 – Meeting Decisions or Actions

Held on: 28/04/2023 – 9am to 12pm

At: Microsoft Teams, and The Store, Newcastle

Chaired by: Daniel Simpkins, Director DPE

Attended

Andrew Wykes, Essential Energy

Ben Holmes, Department of Planning and Environment

Caroline Jenkins, Ausgrid

Catherine Pyne, School Infrastructure NSW

Chris Twitchen, Department of Planning and Environment

Damien Pfeiffer, Transport for NSW

Daniel Simpkins, Department of Planning and Environment

Elizabeth York, Urban Development Institute of Australia

Grahame Wilson, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Jeff Horn, Department of Planning and Environment

Joe Thompson, Biodiversity Conservation Division Department of Planning and Environment

Katie Weaver, School Infrastructure NSW

Kaye Mahoney, Centium

Mary-Anne Crawford, Singleton Shire Council

Mathew Pringle, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Nathan Offner, Essential Energy

Paul Deszell, Mid Coast Council

Robert Scott, Mid-Coast Council

Sharon Pope, Muswellbrook Shire Council

Tanya Peterkin, Department of Regional NSW

Thomas Holmes, Department of Planning and Environment

Trevor Ryan, Dungog Shire Council

Vicky Sisson, Transport for NSW

Declarations of interest

Elizabeth York and perceived conflict as representative of the Urban Development Institute of Australia.

Decisions or Actions

Reference	Decision or Action	Responsible	Status
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Decision #1 – Terms of Reference (TOR)

TOR #1	The Committee determined an update to the TOR is required to remove reference to overseeing the <i>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</i> .	DPE	
TOR #2	The Committee determined an update to the TOR is required to clarify voting vs observational roles and responsibilities of committee members.	DPE	
TOR #3	The Committee determined an update to the TOR is required to define the program manager.	DPE	
TOR #4	The Committee requested DPE clarify Council's ability to sign the deed poll.	DPE	
TOR #5	The Chair noted DPE will liaise with Council on the ability to provide technical support for increasing awareness of the development pipeline.	DPE	
TOR #6	The Chair noted that all committee members are required to sign conflict of interest declaration and deed poll to be part of the committee. Once signed, they are to be returned to DPE via hunter@planning.nsw.gov.au .	All committee members	

Decision #2 – Requests to join the UDP Committee

UH&MC #2a	The Committee approved in-principle UDIA's nomination, subject to clarifying probity risks with the program's probity advisor.	DPE in consultation with UDIA and Centium.	
UH&MC #2b	The Committee determined not to support the Hunter Joint Organisation's nomination.	DPE to notify nominee.	

Decision #3 – Draft Place Delivery Group Guideline

PDG #3a	The Committee approved in-principle the draft Place Delivery Group Guideline, subject to feedback by the Committee.	DPE	
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PDG #3b	The Chair noted the final Place Delivery Group Guideline will be distributed to Committee members for approval out-of-session.	DPE to distribute guide. Committee members to review final Place Delivery Group Guideline.	
PDG #3c	The Committee noted a submissions response table is to be prepared documenting how comments were considered in final Place Delivery Group Guideline.	DPE	
PDG #3d	The Committee determined the Place-Delivery Group Guideline should clarify resourcing expectations from agencies to support the place-delivery group process.	DPE	

Decision #4 – Place Strategy Nomination for Halliday’s Point

PDG #4a	The Committee approved the establishment of a Place-Delivery Group with membership of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Conservation Division, • Essential Energy, • Mid-Coast Council, • Transport for NSW, • National Parks and Wildlife Services, • Rural Fire Services, • School Infrastructure NSW, and • Local Aboriginal Land Councils. 	Place-Delivery Group	
PDG #4b	The Committee noted the area has important biodiversity value and a key risk for the progression of Halliday’s point place-strategy included resolving secondary access and bushfire risks.	Place-Delivery Group	

Decision #5 – Place Strategy Nomination for Hunter Low Carbon Energy Hub (Liddell’s Power Station)

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PDG #5a	<p>The Committee approved the establishment of a Place-Delivery Group with membership of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Conservation Division, • Muswellbrook Shire Council • Transport for NSW • Department of Regional NSW, and • Department of Planning and Environment 	Place-Delivery Group	
PDG #5b	<p>The Committee determined DRNSW should lead a briefing to the Hunter Expert Panel on the requirements of agencies to facilitate a holistic transition for post-mining land use activity in the Hunter.</p> <p>This briefing needed coordination with the Department of Planning and Environment, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council and Transport for NSW.</p>	DRNSW	

Upcoming meetings

Committee Meeting #2, 26th July 2023.