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Working with experts to solve complex problems

The Department of Planning and Environment will hold the inaugural meeting of its Resources Advisory Forum later this month, bringing together expert environmental groups with industry and local government to discuss issues around resource planning and assessment in NSW.

The group will include representatives from expert environmental and community groups, local government and industry peak bodies representing farmers and the resource sector.

A spokesperson for the Department said the forum's purpose will be to provide broad policy advice to the Department on complex issues around resource assessment in NSW.

"It's another opportunity for experts in their field to share ideas directly with the Department, for the Department to seek advice on specific policies and for various stakeholders to discuss possible solutions with each other," the spokesperson said.

Records of the Forum's meetings will be published on the Department's website.

Members invited include:

Expert environment and community:

- Total Environment Centre
- Environmental Defender's Office
- Nature Conservation Council of NSW
- NSW Aboriginal Land Council
- Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union

Industry:

- Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association
- Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia
- Clean Energy Council
- NSW Farmers
- NSW Minerals Council

Local government:

- Association of Mining Related Councils
- Hunter Councils
- Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils
- Canberra Region Joint Organisation of Councils

Academia:

- UNSW School of Mining Engineering

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