

Resources Advisory Forum

Summary Notes – 9 November 2017

Details

Name	Resources Advisory Forum 7
Location	Department of Planning and Environment Waratah Room, Level 31 320 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Date/Time	Thursday 9 November 2017, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Chairperson	Marcus Ray, Deputy Secretary - Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment

Attendees

Title	Name/Organisation/Role
Attendees	Chris Berry, District President and National Vice President/Director of Planning and Environmental Services Canberra Region Joint Organisation/Yass Valley Shire Council
	Clair Doherty, Policy Director NSW Minerals Council
	Owen Hasler, Executive Member and Gunnedah Shire Councilor Association of Mining Related Councils
	Andrew Hope, Mayor/NAMOI JO Chairperson and Executive Officer Liverpool Plains Shire Council/Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils
	Adair Moar, Policy Director – Environment NSW Farmers
	Beverly Smiles Total Environment Centre
	Todd Hacking Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia
	Kate Smolski, Chief Executive Nature Conservation Council of NSW

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	Wendy Timms, Research UNSW School of Mining Engineering
	Rachel Walmsley Environmental Defender's Office
	Roger Stephen Hunter Joint Organisation
Department of Planning and Environment	Marcus Ray, Chair (MR) Deputy Secretary, Planning Services
	David Kitto (DK) Executive Director, Resource Assessments and Business Services
	Oliver Holm (OH) Executive Director, Resource Assessment and Compliance
	Michelle Wood (MW) Executive Director, Planning and Reform Project
	Amy Kean (AK) Renewable Energy Advocate
	Katherine Hole (KH) Executive Director, Strategy Policy & Coordinator, Energy Strategy
	Alison Barnard (AB) Director, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
	Jodie Healy A/Stakeholder Relations Manager
Apologies	Carolyn McNally Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment
	David Morris Environmental Defender's Office
	Natalie Collard, Executive General Manager Clean Energy Council

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	Gabrielle Cusack, Chief Executive Officer Canberra Region Joint Organisation
	Peter Shinton Warrumbungle Shire Council
	Stephen Hynd, Chairman Kate Aubrey Pioner, Executive Director, Policy and Programs Unit NSW Aboriginal Land Council
	Cathy Redding Narrabri Shire Council
	Andy Honeysett Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union
	Dr Malcolm Roberts, Chief Executive Officer Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association
	Roger Stephen, Chief Executive Officer Hunter Councils
	Stephen Murray Department of Planning and Environment

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No.	Description	Actions
	Welcome – Marcus Ray	
	The Chair welcomed members and alternate delegates and noted apologies. The Chair reminded members about the Terms of Reference and briefly touched on the agenda for the meeting.	
1	Actions arising from previous meeting – Marcus Ray	
	The Chair confirmed that the previous Meeting Summary had been finalised and published on the Department's website. The Chair ran through the actions from the previous meetings, noting one open item: the Department and EPA to work together to further educate the community on their roles and responsibilities.	
2	Updates arising from previous meetings	
	The Department provided an update on the EIA improvement project and post approval review. Of particular interest to members are the following elements:	
	1. Current status of the EIA Improvement Project	Further updates to be provided when available.
	David Kitto provided an update on the current status of the EIA Improvement Project.	
	2. Post-approval review	
	The Department explained the key issues identified through consultation and provided an update on post-approval documents.	
	The Department discussed Environmental Management Plans and Monitoring and Response Plans.	
	Feedback from the forum included:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most appropriate for developers to have requirements instead of guidelines• Opportunity to combine pre-approval requirements documents	
	Discussion included questions around whether or not this detail could be addressed in Regional Plans.	

3. Update on EP&A proposed changes

Michelle Wood provided an update on the project to update the EP&A act. The goal is to increase efficiency and remove double handling in processes for the PAC.

Other changes have been proposed around transferrable conditions.

Further update can be provided if RAF desires.

3 Renewable Energy and related policies

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Felicity Greenway provided a presentation on Renewable Energy and related Policies.

Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy

An EIE to go on exhibition and invite feedback from stakeholders and community. This will be publicly available on the DPE website.

Rehabilitation processes

Discussion around ways to effectively engage on how to undertake improvements and assessments to deliver better economic and social outcomes.

Draft large-scale solar guidelines

Prepared and will go on public exhibition for feedback from stakeholders and the community.

Energy Update

An update on work being undertaken in the energy policy space was provided. Discussion included:

- The NSW Government does not have a position about the recently announced national energy guarantee
- A lot of work is being undertaken about embedded networks including apartment blocks, retirement village, shopping centres as consumers do not have the same options as single dwellings.
- A consultation paper was released in October as a discussion point
- System security is a key theme

Update for the next meeting

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- Nationally a lot of work is being undertaken collecting data on battery storage e system
- At state level we are working to improve the connections framework and transmission conditions point

Renewable Energy Advocate Update

NSW has the best wind, sun and solar resources in the world.

The advocate works with communities and government to work on strategic initiatives and renewable energies

Update provided on types of energy generation currently being undertaken, or proposed for NSW.

4 Annual Review/2018 Work Plan

Cumulative impacts

Voluntary Land Acquisitions and Mitigation Policy update

Mine rehabilitation updates

Strategic Release framework

5 Other business and next steps

Next proposed meeting date: **15 March 2018**

Meeting closed at 4:00pm