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# NEW INQUIRY INTO BENEFICIAL AND PRODUCTIVE POST-MINING LAND USE

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to inquire into beneficial and productive post-mining land use.

The Hon. Emily Suvaal MLC, Chair of Standing Committee on State Development said: 'This inquiry will examine the benefits of post-mining land uses for local communities, the economy, business, industry and the broader state'.

'As a Hunter-based MP, I am committed to ensuring our mining communities across the state have a vibrant economic future, with secure, well-paid, local jobs', the Chair added.

The Chair commented: 'The committee will consider how the benefits of post-mining land uses are shared between local communities and mine operators and how the NSW Government can facilitate innovative land uses to the community's benefit. Exploring how we can improve the use post-mining land is crucial for the continued success of our rural and regional communities, who have contributed so much to our state's success'.

'The committee is particularly interested in considering opportunities that encourage innovative post-mining land uses. This includes the reuse of existing infrastructure, development of clean energy industries, the compatibility of post-mining sites with commercial projects and the potential use of surrounding land for residential dwellings and other amenities'.

'As Chair of the State Development Committee, I am committed to conducting a robust and thorough inquiry into post-mining land use that will provide a blue print for the economic future of our mining communities', the Chair concluded.

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders. The closing date for submissions is 25 June 2024, with committee activity to follow later in the year. For further information, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's [webpage](#).

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