

**INQUIRY INTO BENEFICIAL AND PRODUCTIVE POST-
MINING LAND USE**

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Seeing the coal mines of the Hunter Valley & hearing from locals whose families have been directly impacted by the ongoing destruction of the farming communities makes the consideration of how to rehabilitate the shocking mess. The huge multinational mining companies must be forced to fund this, as they have become immensely profitable from Australia's loss. The mine leaseholders must be held responsible long term, not just a quick one off payment then nothing.

The network of mines are so extensive the neighbouring mines will have to be coordinated in their efforts, but land between mines must not be further corrupted and damaged. So the aftermath is a coordinated & coherent whole.

How this is done well will need to be accepted by the public, especially the locals who are most affected.

First Nations people should be shown consideration and be accommodated by offers of uncontaminated unmined land.

Research and training of people in how the restoration will best be done must be put in place, funded fully by the profiteers.

This is urgent so the earlier this work is undertaken the better. Coal will be done by 2050 as climate change suffering worldwide will demand it.