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BUNDABERG REGIONAL REFERENCE GROUP EXPANDS TO BOOST COMMUNITY INPUT

Fox Resources has enhanced the Bundaberg Regional Reference Group (RRG) with the inclusion of a representative from bulk water and distribution company Sunwater.

Currently encompassing representatives of Bundaberg's agricultural, labour, small business and water sectors, this latest appointment will further enhance community input into the development and independent assessment processes for Fox Resources' proposed steel-making coal mine north-west of Bundaberg.

Joining the current six-member RRG is:

- **Darren Large, General Manager Burnett & Lower Mary, Sunwater.** A government-owned corporation, Sunwater owns and operates bulk water and distribution infrastructure in regional Queensland, supplying water to agricultural, industry and urban users.

This new appointment enhances the current RRG which currently comprises chairman, Fox Resources Executive Director, Bruce Garlick; Allan Dingle, Chairman, Coastal Burnett Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee; Mark Pressler, Chairman, Bundaberg Canegrowers; Zak Menhennett, Committee Member, Bundaberg & District Chamber of Commerce; Mitch Hughes, District President, Mining and Energy Union (MEU) – Queensland District; and Bundaberg businesswoman Debbie Barnham.

Welcoming Mr Large's appointment, Mr Garlick said he would add considerable expertise and local knowledge to the RRG: *"We have worked hard to ensure the RRG represents the broadest possible cross-section of the Bundaberg community and this latest appointment only further strengthens this goal.*

"The RRG is designed as a forum for community engagement and feedback on the project, not as a rubber stamp for company decisions. We welcome this extra engagement, which will help to ensure we have the best project possible for the benefit of the community, delivering valuable new jobs and other economic benefits while protecting the environment and ensuring sustainable development."

The RRG provides a structured interaction and communication channel regarding activities related to the project and its broader regional impact. It ensures community feedback is embedded into every step of the project development process, with Fox Resources committed to maintaining an open and consultative approach towards all stakeholders.

Following the RRG's inaugural meeting in Bundaberg on 21 March 2024, Fox is now planning a second meeting on May 22, with the RRG anticipated to meet on a quarterly basis or more frequently as required. For further information regarding the RRG, please refer to Fox Resources' announcement dated 1 December 2023.

Fox Resources is also planning further additions to the RRG to enhance its community representation.

Fox Resources notes recent inaccurate commentary on the company's proposed mining operation and reiterates that:

- No decision has been made on the location of the proposed operation, which will be an underground operation with minimal surface footprint
- The proposed operation will be located in an area unsuitable for agriculture
- All environmental impacts will be properly managed as per government regulations, including any dust impacts
- There will no impacts on the local water supply, with any water to be obtained from brackish water unsuitable for human or agricultural consumption
- Fox Resources is seeking approval under its MLDA for the drilling of five bore holes
- Economic benefits include 200 jobs, 20 apprenticeships, \$45 million a year to local businesses and royalties capable of funding a new hospital for Bundaberg
- Fox Resources continues to engage with local stakeholders, including the Council, in recognition of Bundaberg's need for new projects that diversify its economy.

About Fox Resources

Fox Resources is an Australian exploration company currently advancing the development of an underground, steel-making coal mine north-west of Bundaberg, Queensland. The company has a strong focus on engaging with the local community, minimising any environmental impacts and maximising local economic benefits, including around 200 valuable new jobs, 20 new apprenticeships and an estimated \$45 million per year in economic benefits for local suppliers of services and materials.

The proposed mine is currently at the exploration stage, with Fox conducting all activities in accordance with Queensland Government regulations. Fox recognises the importance of protecting the region's key agricultural and other industries, with no impact on the aquifer used for local water consumption and agricultural use.

Fox welcomes feedback from the local community in ensuring the best possible outcomes from the proposed resources development, with the company establishing a Bundaberg Regional Reference Group to foster ongoing community feedback. For more information, please visit <https://www.foxresources.com.au/default.html>

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