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Mining industry applauds Upper Hunter Indigenous groups

NSWMC Chief Executive Officer, Dr Nikki Williams, has applauded the efforts of Aboriginal groups in the Upper Hunter in working together to find ways to improve cooperation between government, the mining industry and indigenous groups.

“The indigenous groups which have participated in the Federal Government’s Working in Partnerships program and the Regional Partnership Committee which was formed as a result, have made significant progress with the release of the draft Wanaruah Partnership Priorities Protocol,” said Dr Williams.

“Their efforts to date and the commitment which they have shown to the process is acknowledged as a major investment in stronger relationships between the Indigenous community, governments and the mining industry. The industry is committed to working with the Indigenous groups within the community.”

The draft Wanaruah Partnership Priorities Protocol formalises the local Indigenous strategic partnership aspirations, priorities, organisational structure and internal communications processes.

It distinguishes between the traditional laws and customs of the original inhabitants of the Upper Hunter Valley region and the need to enable all Aboriginal people in the region to collectively participate and mutually benefit from opportunities generated through the minerals industry.

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