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## **BUNDABERG REGIONAL REFERENCE GROUP WELCOMES TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

Fox Resources has further broadened community representation on the Bundaberg Regional Reference Group (RRG), announcing today the appointment of Shayne Blackman, Director of the Port Curtis Coral Coast (PCCC) Trust.

The PCCC Trust manages Native Title, Future Act and Cultural Heritage matters across Bundaberg, Gladstone and North Burnett, representing the Traditional Owners of the First Nations Bailai, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang and Taribelang (FNBGGTB) People Native Title Claim Group.

The PCCC region includes traditional country spanning across the Bundaberg, Gladstone and North Burnett regions and covers approximately 19,583 square kilometres of land and 26,636 square kilometres of sea country.

Chaired by Fox Resources' Executive Director, Bruce Garlick, the Bundaberg RRG now comprises the following members:

- **Shayne Blackman**, Director, PCCC Trust, representing Traditional Owners
- **Allan Dingle**, Chairman, Coastal Burnett Groundwater Management Area Advisory Committee, representing groundwater resource users in the Lower Burnett
- **Darren Large**, General Manager Burnett & Lower Mary, Sunwater (owner and operator of bulk water and distribution infrastructure in regional Queensland)
- **Mark Pressler**, Chairman, Bundaberg Canegrowers, providing representation for sugarcane growers in the Bundaberg Mill area
- **Zak Menhennett**, Committee Member, Bundaberg & District Chamber of Commerce, representing Bundaberg business owners
- **Mitch Hughes**, District President, Mining and Energy Union (MEU) – Queensland District, representing workers' interests
- **Debbie Barnham**, Bundaberg businesswoman, with a passion for the local community.

Welcoming the latest appointment to the RRG, Mr Garlick said Mr Blackman would ensure the views of Traditional Owners were represented on decisions relating to Fox's proposed mining development.

*"Fox Resources continues to seek the broadest possible community representation for the Bundaberg RRG and this is another demonstration of our commitment," Mr Garlick said.*

*"I am hugely grateful to Mr Blackman and the PCCC Trust for accepting our invitation to join the group. I welcome their input on the project and all matters potentially affecting the Traditional Owners of the region.*

*"The latest appointments to the Bundaberg RRG, including Mr Blackman and Sunwater's Mr Large, show that Fox Resources is sincere in seeking genuine feedback on our project to obtain the best possible outcomes for the people of Bundaberg and the Wide Bay as we advance this enormous opportunity for the region."*

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.

### **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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