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What do local communities have to say about the future of energy in NSW?

Energy markets and the supply of energy are changing and it's important to understand the needs of NSW communities that will be most directly affected by these changes. The Committee on Environment and Planning will hear from people impacted by these changes as part of its inquiry into sustainability of energy supply and resources in NSW.

"The Committee has to date received over 240 submissions from a range of stakeholders, and we look forward to hearing these views in more detail", said Committee Chair Alex Greenwich MP.

Submissions have been received from a range of organisations, including community groups, local councils, the NSW Government, energy companies, trade unions, and individuals.

"We appreciate the wide ranging views set out in the submissions, and thank everyone for their thoughtful, considered and useful input".

The submissions raised a number of important issues. They considered the environmental, economic and social impacts of changes to energy supply and production in NSW. Concerns about sustainability and how to prepare for the future were raised, in addition to a number of innovative solutions and policy responses, including ones relating to renewable energy.

To further develop its understanding, the Committee will now undertake site visits to impacted areas to meet with communities and hear what they have to say.

"To get this right, we have to hear directly from the people who will experience the most significant impacts of any change. This means understanding any concerns, and making sure communities are supported in a way that serves them and their local economy and environment best".

The Committee wants to see the diversity of resources that are available in NSW. This includes hearing about the various economic opportunities arising from emerging energy markets.

More information about submissions received, site visits and public hearings, including locations and dates, will be announced on the Committee's [webpage](#).

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