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### Statement on Planning and Environment Committee Report on Sustainability of energy supply and resources in NSW

“I welcome the Committee’s inquiry and its findings into the future of energy supply in NSW.

“Firstly, I am pleased the Committee recognises the important role regional coal-producing communities like the Illawarra and Hunter, and power-generating communities on the Central Coast, play in ensuring we have stable and reliable energy to power our economy and as a source of employment and income.

“Further, I note that the Committee supports the role of natural gas as a reliable intermittent energy source to complement technology advancements in the renewable energy sector.

“NSW Labor has been a consistent and strong advocate for the Illawarra, Hunter and Central Coast communities to play a major role in future energy production that stimulates local economic opportunities, industry development and quality long-term jobs for the future.

“I am delighted that the Committee has supported my recommendation to prioritise the use of local content in the designated Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) as part of any future competitive tendering process for energy projects.

“This will help increase the production from local manufacturers, businesses and industry. It will mean, for example, that high-quality Illawarra steel will be a central part of the ongoing investment into renewable energy production.

“Prioritising local content means more jobs, more economic opportunities and better wages for our people.

“I am pleased that the Committee’s report and the 21 recommendations reflect NSW Labor’s position on; jobs, skills, education and training and local industry development.

“I call on the NSW Government to accept and implement the Committee’s report and its recommendations. This will give our local workers and industries the support that they deserve to be a part of the future renewable energy production industry.”

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