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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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I am retired, so I do a lot of volunteering in Newcastle. My two main, longterm volunteer jobs are as a resettlement volunteer for refugees (currently 12 people) and at [REDACTED] in their Operations Centre (client contact using a multilayered database).

I am concerned about the lack of planning for a diversified economy for Newcastle and the region. I am frankly rather angry that the Hunter gets so little consideration and forward thinking. We need to plan for transition for workers in some old technologies like coal to new technologies like solar. Our port should never've been sold to the Chinese for that 99 year lease and we should've gotten a container business as the coal customers will decline in the future.

I want the committee to hold public hearings so that the people of Newcastle and the Hunter can INFORM the decisions that will be made about life and industry in our region.

I support the Hunter Renewal Roadmap and its demands for:

- A community-driven process that builds on the Hunter region's strengths and has strong local participation embedded in the process.
- New well-paid and secure jobs for workers affected by mining downturns.
- A \$2 billion fund dedicated to coal mining regions to help us plan and prepare.
- A Hunter Diversification Taskforce led by locals from the community, unions and business to coordinate planning.
- A Hunter Regional Diversification Plan building on our strengths and bringing development of industry, labour-intensive projects and education, training and technology hubs.
- Better laws for rehabilitation of mines and power stations, boosting the jobs available now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,
Jo Anne Jaworowski

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