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## **SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW**

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Rhonda Green, [REDACTED].

Dear Committee,

Please accept this submission on the Inquiry into the Sustainability of Energy Supply and Resources in NSW.

It makes sense for the transition to renewable energy, I have solar panels and have never had a problem, every house and building in NSW should have access to solar panels, the sun is our best energy provider. Mining, deforestation and removal of vegetation and trees are all contributing to climate change. We need to stop all these destructive practices. We need to look after our agricultural land, if coal seam gas fields continue, the Government will have a lot more to contend with concerning lack of food, health problems, contaminated waterways and the wilful destruction of our Native Wildlife, they do not deserve this dreadful fate in their own habitat for dirty energy, we need clean energy.

Electricity prices are out of control because of privatisation, renewable energy is so cost effective. Mining does not provide the jobs that renewable energy does and the long term employment of renewable energy will last long into the future.

I am writing to acknowledge that major energy changes are underway globally, and these are beginning to be felt in Australia as well.

Regional communities are looking for long-term support to pursue emerging economic opportunities, like renewable energy.

I'd like to see detailed regional planning, driven by communities, and strong public investment to seize new opportunities and prepare our economies for the long-term.

I don't want to see NSW open up coal seam gasfields or pursue new coal mines in our best farming country. Mining is polluting our air and draining our water at an alarming rate.

In regional areas we are already dealing with the impacts of climate change in the form of more extreme heatwaves, droughts and bushfires.

NSW needs to choose a new path that is focussed on preparing us for the future and which ensures that regional areas are at the forefront of emerging economic opportunities in renewables, agriculture and manufacturing.

I note that globally many of the customers the NSW supplies coal to are already shifting to renewable energy, and that creates substantial uncertainty for the coal mining industry here. Four power stations here are also scheduled to close down over the two decades.

Regional communities should not be subject to economic shocks and negative impacts from changing markets and a failure by our governments to lead and to plan.

We need to plan now to prepare for these changes, and to ensure that there is support for workers and a strong plan for new industries and new opportunities.

Please back substantial public investment into our regions and community-driven diversification plans, especially in the Hunter Valley, and fast-track plans for renewable energy and storage to prepare us for the long-term.

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