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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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Appreciate Parliament inquiring into the future and sustainability of the Hunter region

As a land and business owner for some decades would appreciate a more streamlined and less regulated environment in which to operate/ employ and invest

Less red tape

Coal has a long future in the Hunter and that should be realised and recognised

Climate change is real - and obviously humans contribute to that process

However the path to full renewable energy (wind/solar/etc) is long, expensive and difficult to envisage. At the moment renewables account for 1% of the world's energy needs - and are heavily subsidised by the taxpayer.

The Hunter needs to invest in its tourist potential - better infrastructure, better facilities, more promotion and investment

Finally education needs to be vocationally targeted as well as academic; it is difficult to find and retain staff (regardless of the rewards) - and the profile of TAFE courses and other training needs to be expanded and encouraged