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

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1. Our region suffers from too much coal mining and the fall out including poor air quality, light pollution and noise.
2. As a result of mining, there are many viable engineering, electrical, mechanical and earthmoving capabilities in both the mining sector and in supporting private companies that have skills that should be diversified to support growth in other sectors including heavy infrastructure engineering, solar power, train maintenance and other industries that have largely 'gone to China'. Perhaps a page out of Trump's protectionist book would help us build some skills again in these areas that would employ youth etc.
3. We in the epicentre of the power grid and coal mining. Many people can see the need for new coal fired clean coal stations, additional solar generation, and perhaps nuclear power plants - what better place to put them than where the grid exists today.
4. Tourism around the wine industry, Port Stephens etc will employ a lot of people if we continue to focus on expansion opportunities and penetrating markets that we currently don't service fully.
5. The port infrastructure is not sufficiently diversified - both oil Newcastle, and in Sydney where the majority of containers go. Why not establish a warehousing hub like Albury around the Hunter?
6. Agriculture also has the opportunity to expand into niche, intensive farming areas, particularly if water can be repurposed and tasked to those farms.