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

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I would like to lodge a submission to assist the government to understand how families rely on the mining industry to support jobs and growth in our local region. I have been working in the industry for over 30 years and have 2 children who also rely on the mining industry for employment.

The longer the government takes to make decisions around mining projects the less investment companies are willing to sacrifice to keep these jobs going.

If Australia does not supply fossil fuels these will be obtained elsewhere as China, Russia, Columbia to name a few countries produce large volumes and therefore by stopping production in Australia alone will not make any difference to the climate change rhetoric.

Hopefully if the government does decide not to continue with mining you will have enough money to support my family as we will be dependent on welfare as I would expect many businesses will be closed with large numbers of unemployed people seeking assistance.