

**Submission
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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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Re: Parliamentary inquiry into the sustainability of energy supply and resources in NSW

I live in the Hunter Valley and have two main concerns for the economy and welfare of persons residing in the state of NSW.

The first relates to the availability and security of low cost energy supply to the residents in NSW. We currently have a range of different supplies of energy that power our state, to contemplate moving to only renewable energy sources whilst we have access to lower cost base load energy without a cost competitive or comparatively reliable source already in place is unrealistic and irresponsible. I do not support public funding that is excessive and a burden on tax payers for capital expenditure. If the free capital market proves that over time renewables are cheaper then that is the point at which sustainability will naturally occur.

The second relates to the primary and secondary employment that flows from the resources industry in this state. It can't be understated how much benefit the state of NSW derives from it's natural resources. We require a planning system that supports resource projects and the jobs that these projects provide. Surely it was demonstrated through the recent Federal election that many people voted for a strong resources sector (Adani mine in Qld). These are the quite minority of people that do not attend protests or speak loudly through the media, these are the every day people who go about their work and don't complain because they like the system as it is. If it's not broken don't fix it. It will be to our state and countries detriment if we believe we can be the leader on renewable energy when Australia contributes less than 2% of the global emissions.

Regards

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