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

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I partially support the Hunter Renewal Roadmap and some its demands - at least they are thinking ahead even if they give more to ex-miners than I think they deserve. They've been paid 3 times what I have for many years and don't seem to be saving much or planning for their own futures but giving them government supports will stop government being able to use 'the poor miners' as an excuse to keep digging up coal and burying their head(s) in the sand:

- A community-driven process that builds on the Hunter region's strengths and has strong local participation embedded in the process.
- New secure jobs for workers affected by mining downturns.
- A fund dedicated to coal mining regions to help us plan and prepare.
- A Hunter Diversification Taskforce led by locals from the community, unions and business to coordinate planning.
- A Hunter Regional Diversification Plan building on our strengths and bringing development of industry, labour-intensive projects and education, training and technology hubs.
- Better laws for rehabilitation of mines and power stations, boosting the jobs available now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,  
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