

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

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Dear Inquiry Members,

My name is Jack Thieme, I've been a resident of Newcastle for nearly 30 years. Recently I've moved to a rural community near the Dungog district yet within the MidCoast Council area. All around my area I see communities that are dependent on the thermal coal industries. I worry about the coal workers in this industry and their communities. With the real and imminent prospects of the decline of demand for thermal coal due to the economic feasibility and popular demand for renewable energy these workers and the communities face, without a comprehensive transition plan, face a bleak future.

Therefore, I support the Hunter Renewal Roadmap and its demands for:

- A community-driven process that builds on the Hunter region's strengths and has strong local participation embedded in the process.
- New well-paid and secure jobs for workers affected by mining downturns.
- A \$2 billion 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 the rehabilitation of mines and power stations, boosting the jobs available now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Thieme

