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

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The Hunter Renewal Roadmap shows that there is a sensible way for the shift to renewables as our energy source to move forward.

Everyone who lives in the greater Hunter area including Traditional Owners, who have knowledge of how to manage the land, should be included in decision-making. Consultation, local meetings, votes on action plans and wide use of media to spread ideas must all be used.

Retraining for workers to enable them to take up the new jobs which will be created needs to move in parallel with changes.

New industries will emerge to run & service renewable power sources and distribution. Workers to be assisted in retraining for these jobs in good time.

Imaginative ideas for new businesses should be sought and developed with community consultation.

Other jobs will be created through the thorough rehabilitation of coal mining sites, and ensured through new and better legislation regarding same.

A comprehensive plan with consultation would produce a diversified, ecologically healthy and stimulating region suitable for homes and businesses.

Let's not blow this exciting opportunity.

Let's talk and plan and insist that Governments and Councils include 'we the people' this time.

Sincerely

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