

**Submission
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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of NSW, I am submitting my concerns on the protection of our environment and natural resources. Climate change is a scientifically proven and internationally accepted fact. The contribution of greenhouse gases is, too. Forward planning to address the energy needs of this state and protect our natural resources and heritage, including flora and fauna, must take this into account. The urgency of the need to act cannot be overstated.

It is of paramount importance to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We should be building and promoting alternative sources of electricity generation: such as solar, wind, water. We have the resources in this state to employ all three in the generation of power with little cost to the environment. NSW could promote this via regulation, subsidy, provision of infrastructure, etc. As you would know, most of Tasmania's power is hydroelectric, solar power is particularly suited to our country, and wind-generated electricity has been demonstrated to be a viable source of power.

In line with the above, the State could mandate the provision of solar power and rain water catchment in new homes and buildings, provide subsidies for the installation of same in existing homes, subsidies for the employment of sustainable energy in business, grants for the development of sustainable carbon-neutral energy sources, legal protection for our trees and forests (a vital source of carbon storage), ban development of new coal-fired power stations and coal mines to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, ban the burning of wood chips to generate power, ban coal seam gas operations to protect our precious water resources and ban the extraction of underground water for bottling - a nefarious practice that depletes our water supply and pollutes our land and oceans with plastic bottles.

I am sure you have access to the facts regarding the above-mentioned issues. I hope you will give them due consideration and act to protect our precious environment for future generations.

Sincerely yours

Marilyn Lebeter

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