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

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I am 78 years of age, in good health both mind and body. My generation has largely ignored all the scientific evidence produced over the last three decades about climate change. Industrialists of my generation have actively sabotaged this scientific data and to this day, lobby governments and make generous donations to political parties, in order to prevent the science from moving into local, state and national public policy.

I am actively involved in my local Climate Change group, and it is through this group that I became aware of this Inquiry. So, I set down to pen and paper (my computer actually) to prepare a considered document for your Inquiry.

However, then I read, about Minister Matt Kean's interview with Rad Hadley, and I decided, what is the point of my giving you and your Committee so much of my time.

I also gave thought to the fact that all the information you could possibly need or want is already at your finger tips, just as it is at mine. You do not need more submissions; you do not need careful and thoughtful consideration of the data; you do not need months of deliberation and you do not need to take up Parliamentary time with political debates based on philosophy rather than science.

All the info you need can be found in a matter of minutes - though once you have the info it will take a bit of reading. There is "my side" and the "other side".

On my side all you need to do is review documents from such sources as:

Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis - heavily documented research documentation Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) - already has the Integrated Plan and Steps towards its implementation

Renew Economy - every single day is full of information

One Step Off the Grid - every single day is full of information

Clean Energy Council Australian

Renewable Energy Agency

Farmers for Climate Action

Nature ConservationCouncil: Repowering Our Regions

Climate Council: Powering Progress - States Renewable Energy Race (and many others)

A multitude of Renewable Energy Industry groups

Australian Medical Association

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE YOU HAVE, well IPA I guess, Trevor St John and his lot, lots of well paid lobbyists who can save you time from reading submissions, etc.

and on and on and on so why do you need a submission from me or anyone else?

Recently ABC pointed out that Heads of Government Departments and our Military leaders were actively discussing these issues at the federal level, but no longer - now it is left to the Deputy Heads and they are not meeting regularly. So the Federal government does not want the advice about the emerging problems and how to solve them.

Are the Dept Heads etc meeting in NSW? If so, they already have everything your committee of Inquiry needs. If not, it just doesn't matter what your Inquiry comes up with.

Am I discouraged - yes. Will I support the Climate Strike - yes. Do I think your Committee can influence the Political Parties to do the right thing - no.

It is the youth who will take control of this situation as they have no reason to want to inherit the catastrophe that beckons in their, and their children's, lifetime.

thank you for taking the time to read this. Tom Whelan