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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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My Name is Dr Janet Roden and I work at New South Wales Nurses & Midwives' Association. I undertook a research project : 'Supporting the Upper Hunter Valley Communities in the Energy Transition with the closure of the Liddell power station in 2022.' The research results demonstrate that funding and a locally-driven taskforce to diversify the Hunter's economy and plan for the future beyond coal is desperately needed. The reference point for this report is a pdf on google: "Muswellbrook: Between 2 power stations and 8 coal mines." Please assist these communities who through no fault of their own deserve the Government's help.

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 rehabilitation of mines and power stations, boosting the jobs available now and into the future.