SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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Dear Members of the Inquiry,

I am very concerned about the future of the Hunter Region and believe we can prosper if we make a decision to move to sustainable energy sources - as has been shown in other areas of Australia and other countries. We have excellent local industries such as the Viticulture, other agriculture, fisheries and tourism all of which are threatened by the fossil fuel industries.

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.

Yours sincerely, Tracie Hendriks