

**Submission
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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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I would like to make a brief and personal submission, thanking the Committee for establishing the Inquiry and emphasising the importance of its potential outcomes in the areas of:

1. a transition to renewable energy sources, and the reduction of carbon emissions produced by Australia's domestic and export coal-industries, and thermal coal electricity grid in order to respond to and mitigate impacts on environment and community caused by climate change, as well local health, biodiversity and air/water pollution impacts from mining/coal-fired power
2. mitigation of social and community impacts brought about by the transition/diversification of our energy system on regions currently employed in mining/power industries in NSW, through the allocation of resources, research, consultation (with experts and community), and investment into planning and preparation for transformations to regional economies, re-training/re-skilling vulnerable sectors of the workforce, providing mental health and family support, engagement and outreach on behalf of the NSW Government in these regions, to begin dialogues with community about the barriers to and perspectives on energy transition.

I would like to request that the Committee host hearings in the Hunter/Lake Macquarie regions as part of the Inquiry.