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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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**The Environment and Planning Committee of the NSW parliament
Inquiry into the Sustainability of energy supply and resources.**

Dear Committee,

I am very glad to see this inquiry occurring and hope the committee discovers renewable energy has great prospects in NSW. Indeed we don't have much choice.

Continuing to burn fossil fuels for energy production is fundamentally incompatible with sustaining life on Earth - with a dramatic decline in the health of all landscapes already seen across New South Wales and Australia and beyond. Right now wildfires rage across the world – even in the Arctic and rainforests that have never burned.

No responsible government would continue down this heavy-emissions path.

I live in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley and fully support the Hunter Renewal 'Road Map' which is calling for the resources and planning to prepare the community and economy for structural adjustment before it happens:

"We recommend that the Committee studies adjustment from other places and ensures those lessons are applied to support communities here, particularly with regard to public investment, community participation, worker re-training and re-employment and diversification planning.

Thus, the time for the NSW Government to be moving down the Just Transition pathway is now urgent.

We consider this inquiry will be crucial to New South Wales' future, examining how best to support regional communities and diversify economies, like the Hunter Valley, to make them less reliant on coal mining, whilst also assessing how to bring down power prices and clear the air with renewable energy."

Reference: www.hunterrenewal.org.au/road_map

Please consider the lead of the Hunter Renewal Road Map and help set the conditions for the Hunter to transform its energy base, economy and communities.

Sincerely,

Su Morley
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