

**Submission
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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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ENERGY POLICY

NSW PARLIAMENT INQUIRY INTO ENERGY POLICY

I respectfully submit that the enquiry consider:

1. The overwhelming scientific evidence that climate change is real and potentially catastrophic if not ameliorated; and that this should be an urgent priority of governments, moreso than economics, chiefly because without the environment there is no economy. Unless climate change can be prevented there may well be no human species.
2. I urge the enquiry to consider the University of Western Sydney report, "Weathering the Storm: The case for transforming the Hunter Valley", by Dr Neil Perry and Gillian Hewitson, which emphasises that the Hunter Valley can achieve the transition from coal to agriculture and other industries, without economic hardship to those currently working in the coal industry.

Yours Sincerely

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