

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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INQUIRY INTO CLIMATE CHANGE (NET ZERO FUTURE) BILL 2023

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A new parliamentary inquiry has been established to examine the <u>Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Bill</u> 2023.

This bill will set targets for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in New South Wales, with a goal of net zero emissions by 2050. The bill will also establish the Net Zero Commission which will independently monitor and review progress in New South Wales towards greenhouse gas emission targets. Other key objects of the bill include establishing guiding principles for action on climate change, and for New South Wales to be more resilient to a changing climate.

Ms Sue Higginson MLC, Chair of the committee said "This is an incredibly important bill. Ensuring we take effective action on climate change here in New South Wales is imperative. The committee is keen to ensure this bill is examined in full and the implications are fully understood. I anticipate significant interest in this inquiry, and look forward to contributions from our stakeholders, including community, industry, government and climate experts. I recognise the timeframe to engage is tight so I encourage all who wish to engage to please prioritise this."

Have your say

Members of the public that wish to share their view about the bill are encouraged to participate in an <u>online questionnaire</u>. Organisations are encouraged to make a submission via the <u>online portal</u>. Both the online questionnaire and submission portal close on **23 October 2023**.

The <u>website</u> contains further information about the inquiry, including the committee members and terms of reference.

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