

**Submission
No 61**

**INQUIRY INTO COSTS FOR REMEDIATION OF SITES
CONTAINING COAL ASH REPOSITORIES**

Name: Mr Damian Rake

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Hi my name is Damian Rake I am a health worker living in the Newcastle / Lake Macquarie region. My father worked at the Eraring power station as a plant operator most of his life, until he passed away early last year. He often voiced concern for the health impacts of the leaching metals of Coal-ash dumps. He strongly criticised the lack of will to mitigate the risk to the community and environment. He was frustrated that both government and industry had not yet fully explored a solution. The repurposing of a byproduct of coal fired power that is otherwise harmful to people and the environment is proven solution to the issue. Providing employment and materials for the production of cement, building and manufacturing products.

For your consideration, kind regards Damian Rake.