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**INQUIRY INTO PETROLEUM (ONSHORE) AMENDMENT
(CANCELLATION OF ZOMBIE PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION LICENCES) BILL 2021**

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I call on the Committee to urge the NSW parliament to strongly support this Bill. It is time for the parliament to rule out further gas exploration and mining in NSW because: (i) we are in a climate emergency and locking gas production into our energy mix and our export industries for years is contrary to the public interest (ii) farmers in the North West deserve a break from the threats associated with exploration and mining of gas (iii) North West NSW communities and their representative bodies have spoken strongly against coal seam gas mining and its risks to water resources, Gomeri culture, agricultural land and biodiversity - this push by the industry does not have a social licence, (iv) rejecting gas and supporting renewable energies (including for export) is urgent and necessary in the interests of intergenerational equity.

All the expired PELs should be cancelled now - we need a very strong message to the industry and to the people of NSW that our parliament is listening to science and having the courage to act in our interests and those of future generations.