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**INQUIRY INTO CLIMATE CHANGE (NET ZERO
FUTURE) BILL 2023**

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The Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Bill 2023 legislates emissions reduction targets in an attempt to provide certainty and opportunity to households, industry and clean energy investors as climate action. Unfortunately, this legislation is biased towards investors, leading to profit before good policy. With time deadlines, due diligence of policy is compromised.

If a strong, independent, expert body is to monitor the state's progress toward, net zero and report annually to ensure parliamentary accountability, community on-ground groups need to be included in this body. Too often, communities are collateral damage to investor developments. Unfortunately, shareholder profits, deemed economic viability, is the main goal.

While guiding principles for action to address climate change are important, it is also important to provide some element that allows adaption to new discoveries. It is important to take a broad view and consider factors other than fossil fuels, that are part of our climate crisis. Consider all industries that bare off soil, as significant contributors to climate change.

Currently the NSW Government have 16 mining projects in the pipeline for the Central West alone. These are in the name of needs for "renewable energy." The significant contribution made to climate change by these so called significant developments is example of profits over good policy. These projects will have a net negative effect, contributing more towards climate change, than aiding in it's solution.

I have grave concerns for the "race for renewables." While an energy source built on a non-extractive industry is a worthy target, it needs to be done with many checks and balances. Currently, we see many projects that are creating environmental harm proceeding because they are considered "renewable

Please take on the recommendations made in the Ken Henry review on Biodiversity <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/tp/files/186428/Independent%20Review%20of%20the%20Biodiversity%20Conservation%20Act%202016-Final.pdf>

A loss of biodiversity will perpetuate climate change and our demise. History demonstrates that civilisations that destroy biodiversity perish.