INQUIRY INTO CLIMATE CHANGE (NET ZERO FUTURE) BILL 2023

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The Climate Change Net Zero Future Bill 2023 is a welcome initiative to address emissions reduction in NSW. The government is clearly committed to a more climate friendly future. However this will not be achieved if fossil fuels continued to be mined and burned. Coal mining is significant industry in NSW, and should be replaced with renewables as our primary energy source. Please cancel any licences or approvals for more coal mining which will continue to fuel climate change. In addition to fuelling climate warming, mining for coal can remove good agricultural land from production, reducing future food production for domestic use and for export. Please cancel all existing coal exploration licences and reverse approvals for any new mines. We continue to burn fossil fuels at our peril. The atmosphere cannot absorb more CO2 and remain stable.