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INQUIRY INTO 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NET ZERO COMMISSION

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NSW Parliament's Joint Standing Committee On Net Zero Future, I am alarmed to learn that the NSW Net Zero Commission (NZC) has reported that NSW will not meet any of its Greenhouse Gas emission reduction targets due to 17 coal licence extensions and applications that have been approved. These extensions and applications should be stopped immediately and reviewed so that we can effectively reduce the state's emissions. I call for a dedicated report from the NZC on the risks that coal and gas expansions pose to NSW climate targets, to be completed by June 2025. In fact, the Net Zero Commission should be tasked to provide specific advice and make recommendations on all proposed major coal mine expansions in NSW, as per s15 (3) of the NSW Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023. I also believe we urgently need to take our responsibility for reducing our emissions seriously for the sake of our economy, environment, health and well-being. Extreme weather events are a daily occurrence somewhere in Australia now. To that end, I call for a Regulation to be created under the Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023 to place a duty on key planning decision-makers to meet the 2030 and 2035 climate change targets and restrict downstream emissions.