

**INQUIRY INTO 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NET  
ZERO COMMISSION**

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Climate scientists fear the earth is coming close to the point of no return on climate warming. If we act fast on cutting emissions we might get faster than expected reductions in temperature. There is no argument that ending the use of fossil fuels is the only way to cut emissions.

Accordingly, I support the steps suggested by Lock the Gate organisation:

The NSW Government should request a specific, dedicated report from the NZC on the risks that coal and gas expansions pose to NSW climate targets, to be completed by June 2025.

The report should include advice on a coal sectoral target to drive emissions reduction in the coal sector.

In the meantime, approvals of new coal expansions should be paused until such advice has been provided by the NZC.

The Net Zero Commission should be asked 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 .

A Regulation should 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.