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## **INQUIRY INTO EMISSIONS FROM THE FOSSIL FUEL SECTOR**

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I am writing to share my perspective on the current inquiry into fossil fuel emissions in New South Wales.

Honestly, I don't support the push for net zero emissions. It feels like the energy system we rely on has taken a century to build, and expecting to "tear it all down" in a decade or two is unrealistic and unfair. The fossil fuel sector provides essential energy that powers our economy and daily lives.

At the same time, I am concerned about the government's policy of rapid population growth through immigration, which puts increased pressure on housing, infrastructure, and energy demand. It seems contradictory to promote environmental protection while expanding the population so rapidly that more housing developments and energy consumption are unavoidable.

Rather than focusing solely on emissions reduction targets that seem detached from reality, I believe energy companies should be taxed fairly. The revenue collected could then be redistributed to benefit all Australians, rather than burdening everyday people with unrealistic environmental goals.

I also question the practicality and fairness of drastically cutting fossil fuel use without clear, economically viable alternatives that maintain energy security and affordability.

Thank you for considering my views.