

Hearing Schedule

NSW Legislative Council

Portfolio Committee No. 4 - Regional NSW



Inquiry into impact of renewable energy zones (REZ) on rural and regional communities and industries in New South Wales

Tuesday, 31 March 2026

Macquarie Room, NSW Parliament, Sydney

Time	Witness	Position and Organisation	Sub No.
8.45am	Private Meeting		
9.00 am	Ms Janine Young	Ombudsman, Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW	29
	Ms Stephanie Saill	Head of Energy Transition, Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW	
9.45 am	Mr Aidan Morrison	Director, Energy Programs, Centre for Independent Studies	33
10.15 am	Ms Verity Morgan-Schmidt	Acting CEO, Farmers for Climate Action	147
	Mr Andrew Locke	Farmer, Farmers for Climate Action	
10.45 am	Morning tea		
11.00 am	Mr Mark Robinson	Engineering Manager, Wild Rivers Engineering	134
11.30 am	Ms Saideh Kent	Program Director - Energy, The Next Economy	55
	Mr William Churchill	Chief Policy and Impact Officer, Clean Energy Council	-
	Mr Chris O'Keefe	National Spokesperson, Clean Energy Council	
12.15 pm	Councillor Leeanne Hampton (via videoconference)	Deputy Chairperson NSW Aboriginal Land Council and Councillor for the Wiradjuri Region, NSW Aboriginal Land Council	-
	Councillor Charles Lynch (via videoconference)	Councillor for the Northern Region, NSW Aboriginal Land Council	
1.00 pm	Lunch		

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Time	Witness	Position and Organisation	Sub No.
2.00 pm	Professor Ivan R. Kennedy AM FRACI CChem	Professor Emeritus in Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, Institute of Agriculture, University of Sydney	-
2.30 pm	Commissioner Jeremy Fewtrell AFSM	Commissioner, Fire & Rescue NSW	-
	Deputy Commissioner Ben Millington	Deputy Commissioner Operational Coordination, NSW Rural Fire Service	-
	Chief Superintendent Laurence McCoy	Chief Superintendent and Manager Predictive Services, NSW Rural Fire Service	-
3.15 pm	Afternoon tea		
3.30 pm	Mr Liam Ryan	Executive Director, Energy Infrastructure, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	44
	Ms Hannah McCaughey	Chief Executive Officer, Energy Corporation of NSW	
	Mr Ashley Albury	Executive Director, Planning & Communities, Energy Corporation of NSW	
	Mr Anthony Hayes	Head of Regional Integration, Planning, Integration and Passenger Division, Transport for NSW	
	Mr Clay Preshaw	Executive Director, Planning System Reform, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure	
	Mr Chris Ritchie	A/Executive Director, Energy and Resource Assessments, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure	
5.00 pm	Finish		

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