

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

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It is intolerable in a climate change crisis, to which Australia is especially vulnerable, that the NSW Government should continue to approve new and expanded fossil fuel mines. This flies in the face of all expert international advice.

The Net Zero Commission should 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 .

There should be a duty under the Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023 on key planning decision-makers to meet the 2030 and 2035 climate change targets and restrict downstream emissions. Approvals of new coal expansions should be paused until:

- there is a specific, dedicated report from the NZC on the risks that coal and gas expansions pose to NSW climate targets. This should be completed by July 2025.
- it should include advice on a coal sectoral target to drive emissions reduction in the coal sector.