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

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NSW will not be able to meet any of the GHG targets if they continue to approve the expansion of coal mining. If emissions are allowed to increase in the coal industry other sectors will have to make greater cuts to their emissions if the state is to meet its emissions reduction targets. There was a 91% increase between 2005-2022 in GHG emissions from the build environment.

The three coal mines north of Mudgee, Glencores's Ulan CM, Yancoal's Moolarben CM and Peabody's Wilpinjong CM were the highest producing mines in NSW in 2024 and are all planning to expand.

It is essential that the NSW government pause all approvals of new or expanded coal projects until the NZC can report on the risks that such coal and gas expansions pose to the 2030 & 2035 NSW GHG targets.

The CCNZF Act requires a regulation that that will place a duty on key planning decision-makers to meet NSW targets and consider downstream emissions that align with Paris temperature goals.