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INQUIRY INTO 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NET ZERO COMMISSION

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Dear Joint Standing Committee on Net Zero Future members,

I hereby lodge my submission to the inquiry into the first report (2024 Annual Report) of the NSW Net Zero Commission (NZC).

I fully support New South Wales in its efforts to attain net zero.

However, it appears possible that New South Wales will fail to meet its climate targets. This report shockingly shows that New South Wales is not on track to meet any legislated emissions reduction targets, in part because of the “sizeable pipeline” of more than 17 coal mine extensions and applications in the state.

This report should greatly concern all members of parliament.

The New South Wales coal industry has been shown to be a key part of this problem: “increased emissions” associated with a “sizeable pipeline” of new coal mining projects are risking the state’s GHG targets.

I would like the Joint Standing Committee to action the following key points:

1. The New South Wales Government should request a specific, dedicated report from the NZC on the risks that coal and gas expansions pose to New South Wales climate targets, to be completed by June 2025.
2. The report should include advice on a coal sectoral target to drive emissions reduction in the coal sector.
3. In the meantime, approvals of new coal expansions should be paused until such advice has been provided by the NZC.
4. 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.
5. 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.

I thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions on this matter.

For the only planet we have.

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