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INQUIRY INTO 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NET ZERO COMMISSION

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I am very concerned that we are not on track to meet zero emissions targets. I live in a bushfire zone and am already facing a future of my home being uninsurable and losing it in a bushfire. I urgently want you to act to save my home. And all those I watch on TV being flooded and threatened by fire elsewhere.

All those wonderful Australians who risk their lives fighting fires, saving people from floods and help rebuild. All that productivity that could go to building Australia instead of endlessly rescuing us.

Then there is the wonderful, absolutely unique flora and fauna of Australia that we are losing daily, before we have even found and named them all, because of climate change.

Please turn that that around. Stop new a coal and gas. Stop extending the reach of fossil fuels.

The NSW Government should request a specific, dedicated report from the NZC on the risks that coal and gas expansions pose to NSW climate targets, to be completed by June 2025.

The report should include advice on a coal sectoral target to drive emissions reduction in the coal sector. In the meantime, approvals of new coal expansions should be paused until such advice has been provided by the NZC.

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 .

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.