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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 want to acknowledge and thank those members of Parliament who have supported the creation of this inquiry.

I strongly support the objective of achieving a net zero carbon emissions in NSW. There is only one atmosphere, sources of carbon such as coal or gas, contribute to global warming when burnt in other countries. Net zero objectives should document carbon contributions to the atmosphere created or exported from NSW.

The history of carbon emissions monitoring and reporting in NSW has been lax. Historical planning consent documents have addressed carbon emissions almost as an after thought. Monitoring of emissions and imposition of limits has not taken place despite the terms of the former Clean Air Act and the Environment Protection Act containing provisions for carbon monitoring and limits to be imposed.

For this reason, it is now catch up time.

I am requesting that a comprehensive report be prepared by the Net Zero Commission and submitted to Parliament by 30 June 2025.

The report must include an analysis of the existing carbon emissions from mining and gas extraction activities.

The report must also contain a critical analysis list of measures to reduce carbon emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2035.

The current ad hoc regulation of carbon emissions does not reflect a serious consideration of carbon emissions.

In order to display the seriousness of the issue, I urge that no further new or extensions of mining or gas extraction be approved until the report has been considered and approved by the NSW Parliament.