



# Premier & Cabinet

Ref: A4153206

Mr David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliaments  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Blunt

## Order for Papers – Renewable Energy Zones in NSW

I refer to the above resolution of the Legislative Council under Standing Order 52 made on 11 November 2020 and your correspondence of that date.

I am now delivering to you documents referred to in that resolution. The documents have been obtained from:

- the Office of the Minister for Environment and Energy
- the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (**DPIE**).

Enclosed at **Annexure 1** are certification letters from the following officers certifying that, to the best of their knowledge, all documents held and covered by the terms of the resolution, and that are lawfully required to be provided, have been provided:

- Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Environment and Energy
- Acting General Counsel, DPIE.

Enclosed at **Annexure 2** are indexes of all non-privileged documents that have been provided in response to the resolution.

Should you require any clarification or further assistance, please contact Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, on telephone (02) 9228 4393.

Yours sincerely

Tim Reardon  
Secretary

2 December 2020

*Received on behalf of the Clerk  
of the Parliaments at 3.30pm  
on Wednesday 2 December 2020*

*2 boxes non-privileged*



**The Honourable Matt Kean MP**  
Minister for Energy and Environment

Ms Kate Boyd  
General Council  
NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

2 December 2020

Dear Ms Boyd,

I write regarding the following order of the Legislative Council dated 11 November 2020:

- 1) *That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 21 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 22 September 2020 in the possession, custody or control of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Minister for Energy and Environment relating to Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) in New South Wales:*
  - a. *any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in NSW,*
  - b. *any document disclosing the firming capacity needed to make REZ effective,*
  - c. *any document disclosing the creation of electricity grid connections as a consequence of the establishment of the REZ, and*
  - d. *any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the house created as a result of the order of the House."*

I confirm that I have caused the Office of the Minister for Energy and Environment to undertake reasonable searches for documents responsive to the Orders.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all documents held by the Office of the Minister for Energy and Environment that are covered by the terms of the resolution and are lawfully required to be provided are enclosed. I also note the following: the Office has interpreted the language of the Order having regard to its context, the usual principles of interpretation and with regard to the Macquarie Dictionary Online and the Oxford Dictionary of English (MSDICT Viewer Version 12.4.191); and, regarding para 1(c), the Office understands that no grid connections of the type referred to have been created or decided.

I ask that these documents are provided to the Legislative Council in the Government's response to the Order.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Coles', written over a horizontal line.

**Ben Coles**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Hon. Matt Kean MP  
Minister for Energy and Environment



**Planning,  
Industry &  
Environment**

IRF20/5287

Your ref: A4097182

Mr Mark Hare  
A/Executive Director, Legal  
Office of General Counsel  
Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Level 14, 52 Martin Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Hare

I refer to correspondence from Kate Boyd, General Counsel, Department of Premier and Cabinet dated 12 November 2020, concerning an order for papers under Standing Order 52, which was passed by the Legislative Council on 11 November 2020, regarding Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) in New South Wales.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Department) has conducted the necessary searches and provided with this letter, enclosed at Annexure 1, is an index of all the non-privileged documents that have been provided in response to the resolution.

These documents have been made public recently via the Department's website at: <https://energy.nsw.gov.au/government-and-regulation/electricity-infrastructure-roadmap>

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all documents held by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that are covered by the terms of the order and lawfully required to be provided have been provided.

If you have any more questions, please contact Marty Jones, Manager Standing Orders on 02 8229 2911.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Madeleine Thomas'.

**Madeleine Thomas**  
A/ General Counsel  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
27 November 2020

Encl. 1. Index of non-privileged documents

**MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**ORDER FOR PAPERS – RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES (REZ) in NSW**  
**NON-PRIVILEGED DOCUMENTS**

Doc. No.	Item	Document	Date of Creation	Author	Privilege Claim Y/N?
1.	1(a) any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in NSW,	Report: NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap - Overview	November 2020	DPIE	N
2.	1(a) any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in NSW,	Report: NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – Detailed Report	November 2020	DPIE	N
3.	1(a) any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in NSW,	Report: NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – Industry Opportunities Report	23 Sept 2020	KPMG	N
4.	1(a) any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in NSW,	Report: NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – benefits for regional NSW	November 2020	DPIE	N
5.	1(a) any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in NSW,	Report: NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – WACC report	November 2020	NAB	N

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**ORDER FOR PAPERS – RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES IN NSW**  
**NON-PRIVILEGED**

**Created since 22 September 2020;**

**Part (a)** any Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Australian Energy Market Operator report or brief to the Minister for Energy and Environment regarding the impact of the New South Wales Government's Renewable Energy Zones policies on electricity reliability, electricity prices and the closure of coal fired power stations in New South Wales;

Document No.	Document	Date of Creation	Author	Privilege Claim Y/N?
DPIE.REZ2.001	NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap - Overview	Nov 2020	DPIE	No
DPIE.REZ2.002	NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap -- Detailed report	Nov 2020	DPIE	No
DPIE.REZ2.003	NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – Industry Opportunities Report	23 Sept 2020	KPMG	No
DPIE.REZ2.004	NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – Benefits for regional NSW	Nov 2020	DPIE	No
DPIE.REZ2.005	NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap – WACC Report	Nov 2020	NAB	No

**Part (b)** any document disclosing the firming capacity needed to make REZ effective;  
 There are no documents for the order

**Part (c)** any document disclosing the creation of electricity grid connections as a consequence of the establishment of the REZ; and  
 There are no documents for the order

**Part (d)** any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.  
 There are no documents for the order

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