

2025 consultation

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2025 consultation questions

1. What can you tell us about your experience of the impacts of climate change and how can the commission seek to reflect and respond to this in its work?	Your inaugural 2024 Annual Report revealed that without accelerated action, NSW may not reach net zero by 2050 and will fail to meet nearer-term emissions reduction targets. We need to see strong action from our state government to actually put in place actions that address an acceleration of progress.
2. What actions can the commission take to engage across the community to help drive the shifts needed for the net zero transition and for effective climate change mitigation and adaptation?	As the commission has stated, First Nations communities are disproportionately vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. To achieve a net zero transition we need to demonstrate that we are actually taking heed of the advice of First Nations voices, not just acknowledging that they are a potential source of useful knowledge.
3. How should the commission best engage with First Nations people to learn about cultural knowledge and practices to support adaptation, and what information and evidence should it draw on to inform its understanding of these practices?	
4. What additional mechanisms, support, or incentives can meaningfully empower and enhance First Nations people's involvement in climate mitigation, adaptation and environmental stewardship?	
5. What additional information and evidence should the commission consider when assessing progress towards NSW's targets for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions?	
6. The speed of deployment of electricity	

generation and infrastructure is a key risk to emissions reduction targets. What more could be done to fast-track deployment?	
7. Are the measures now in place sufficient to ensure community engagement and benefit sharing from the build out of infrastructure for the energy transition?	
8. Are First Nations communities adequately engaged and included in sharing the benefits of the transition? What more could be done, and by whom?	
9. What are likely to prove the most effective approaches to accelerate rapid decarbonisation across freight and passenger transport?	
10. What specific actions or policies could increase uptake of emissions reduction strategies in agriculture, both in the short and long term?	
11. Given the uncertainties in land-sector net emissions, how should NSW incorporate this sector into the states climate policy and emissions profile?	
12. What specific actions could increase carbon storage and resilience of the existing carbon stock in the land sector and meaningfully enhance the application of First Nations people's	

knowledge and practices?	
13. What policies or programs at a sectoral level could complement the Safeguard Mechanism to support the accelerated decarbonisation of heavy industry in NSW?	
14. What measures could accelerate industrial heat electrification in NSW, where technology is viable?	
15. What short to medium term measures could be prioritised to address the systemic challenges regarding waste generation and resource recovery?	
16. How could transparency of how coal mines meet their Safeguard Mechanism obligations be improved?	
17. What measures would lead to coal mines prioritising on-site abatement over offsetting?	
18. What measures should be considered beyond the Safeguard Mechanism to reduce emissions of the resources sector, particularly methane emissions, to meet NSW's emissions reduction targets?	Communities in coal regions need to absorb an understanding that they need to transition away from traditional mining activities. The authorities need to provide the resources and power to respond and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Coal regions need fast, fair and locally led transition investment. Lessons from the transition of wood-chipping-based businesses and communities to more sustainable economies should be applied to the transition from coal.
19. What additional measures could accelerate electrification and increase energy efficiency of new and existing buildings?	

20. How could social equity be better addressed in the transition to an electrified built environment?	
21. What approaches could NSW consider to eliminate refrigerants with a GWP >10 from buildings?	
22. What should be included in an emissions monitoring framework for NSW in the context of the transition to net zero, including any specific metrics and indicators?	
23. The adaptation objective is for NSW to be more resilient to a changing climate. The Act allows for regulations to further define the adaptation objective. What does a more resilient NSW look like to you?	
24. What additional information and evidence should the commission consider when assessing progress towards the adaptation objective?	
25. How can adaptation planning better use the NSW Government's climate change projections (NARClIM)?	
26. What other information or tools are needed to support decision-makers in NSW?	
27. What initiatives should the commission consider in assessing NSW's preparation and	

responses to extreme heat and humidity events in NSW?	
Are there any other pieces of evidence or feedback you would like to add?	