

2025 consultation

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My current understanding

Coal mine expansions are getting away with polluting massive amounts of greenhouse gas emissions - the regulatory system designed to constrain them is not working.

Methane leaking from coal mines and gas wells is under-reported and under-accounted for as identified in numerous studies - yet this bloat of emissions is not being considered in coal and other fossil-fuel expansion decisions.

The superheating potential of methane emitted from coal mines and gas wells is currently not being considered - at 84-87 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide over 20 years, this poses a huge threat to our climate if not properly managed.

The full lifecycle emissions of a coal and other fossil fuels expansion, including downstream emissions, are not being given sufficient weight in decision-making.

Communities need the resources and power to respond and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Coal and CSG regions need fast, fair and locally led transition investment.

What I'd like to see the Net Zero Commission do

Publish a report on how coal expansions threaten climate targets and policy changes needed to address it.

Set strong coal sectoral targets for 2030 and 2035 and mandate methane abatement requirements to reduce emissions from existing coal mines.

Provide advice to the IPC on Moolarben and Hunter Valley Operations coal mine expansions to set a standard for greenhouse gas assessment that reflects the NZC's view on the risks posed by coal projects to NSW.

Look at the Scope 3 emissions as well. We are not an isolated country. Every country needs to reduce emissions to reduce and stop global warming. If we supply fossil fuels overseas, it is as if we have burned them ourselves.