

2025 consultation

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2025 consultation questions

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| 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? | <p>More frequent storms, rain, drought & higher temps.</p> <p>The NZC can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |
| 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? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest deeply and long-term in community-centred, genuinely co-designed resilience planning, in climate-ready health, housing and disaster support services. • The Royalties for Rejuvenation fund should be spent on the transition now – it's already underway. Don't bank it until 2028. • Transition authorities must be independent, well-funded and community-led. |
| 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? | <p>Not in my wheel house</p> |
| 4. What additional mechanisms, support, or incentives can meaningfully empower and enhance First Nations people's involvement in climate mitigation, adaptation and environmental stewardship? | <p>Not in my wheel house</p> |
| 5. What additional information and evidence should the commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be clear/clarified that coal mine expansions are undermining NSW climate targets. |

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| consider when assessing progress towards NSW's targets for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be clear/clarified that fugitive coal mine methane emissions are under-reported and underestimated. • Downstream emissions aren't properly counted. |
| 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? | Not in my wheel house |
| 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? | Not in my wheel house |
| 8. Are First Nations communities adequately engaged and included in sharing the benefits of the transition? What more could be done, and by whom? | Not in my wheel house |
| 9. What are likely to prove the most effective approaches to accelerate rapid decarbonisation across freight and passenger transport? | <p>Move freight by rail. Electrify more train lines to utilise electric freight trains.</p> <p>Continue with expansion of the electric bus network.</p> |
| 10. What specific actions or policies could increase uptake of emissions reduction strategies in agriculture, both in the short and long term? | Not in my wheel house |
| 11. Given the uncertainties in land-sector net emissions, how should NSW incorporate this sector into the states climate policy and emissions profile? | Not in my wheel house |
| 12. What specific actions could increase carbon | End native forest logging. |

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| 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? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 14. What measures could accelerate industrial heat electrification in NSW, where technology is viable? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 15. What short to medium term measures could be prioritised to address the systemic challenges regarding waste generation and resource recovery? | Introduce compulsory product stewardship that also extends to their packaging. |
| 16. How could transparency of how coal mines meet their Safeguard Mechanism obligations be improved? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 17. What measures would lead to coal mines prioritising on-site abatement over offsetting? | Mandatory legislation |
| 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? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 19. What additional measures could | Mandatory legislation/requirements for new buildings |

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| 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? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 21. What approaches could NSW consider to eliminate refrigerants with a GWP >10 from buildings? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 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? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 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? | Preparedness for the changes. |
| 24. What additional information and evidence should the commission consider when assessing progress towards the adaptation objective? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 25. How can adaptation planning better use the NSW Government's climate change projections (NARClIM)? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 26. What other information or tools are needed to support decision-makers in NSW? | Not in my wheelhouse |
| 27. What initiatives should the commission | Not in my wheelhouse |

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| 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? | |