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I lead the Community Grants program and Major Giving Circle at Groundswell Giving, Australia's leading advocate for climate action, where we help fund high-impact efforts to shift the systems driving the climate crisis. So I know what's possible when governments, communities and technology all pull in the same direction.

Like many others, I'm worried that NSW is not currently on track to meet its 2030 and 2035 emissions targets. I'm also deeply concerned about the growing cost of living and rising energy bills hitting households across the state.

There is huge, untapped potential in consumer energy resources to help with both challenges. Rooftop solar, home batteries, electric vehicles, virtual power plants and vehicle-to-grid technology can bring down emissions and reduce household bills. Unlike large-scale projects, these solutions can be rolled out quickly and cost-effectively. But too many people in NSW are still missing out.

Renters, apartment-dwellers and people in social housing are often locked out of clean energy. We also need to do more to make sure all new homes are built to a standard that reflects the future we're moving into. And there's a massive opportunity sitting idle on the rooftops of commercial and industrial buildings that could be generating clean power right now.

I encourage the Net Zero Commission to recommend the following to the NSW Government, and to ensure action is taken within this term:

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- 2. Support renters by introducing minimum energy efficiency standards, along with incentives like rebates or loans to drive rooftop solar uptake.
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- 4. Keep supporting apartment buildings and strata communities, especially those that are harder to retrofit like high rises.

5. Explore the creation of Urban Renewable Energy Zones and make use of the vast rooftop solar potential on commercial and industrial buildings, supported by smaller scale battery storage.

I've drawn these recommendations from <u>Solar Citizens' submission</u>, which contains more detail and great insight.

Thanks again for inviting community input. I hope this process helps deliver bold action and a fairer, cleaner future for all of us in NSW.

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