

# 2025 consultation

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## 2025 consultation questions

<b>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?</b>	<p>My wife and I travel a fair bit in Australia. Last January we had planned to travel to the Grampians, but fires got there first Next year we are planning o travel to WA, with Ningaloo Reef being a main attraction, but now the reef is badly bleached.</p> <p>Closer to home we had to evacuate in 2019 because of fires. Surrounding regions have been devastated by fires and floods.</p>
<b>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?</b>	<p>To engage with the community you have to listen and be regarded trustworthy. You are not trustworthy while this Government is beholden to Fossil Fuel. This commission is in a difficult position while this government readily approves more and more coal, delays the Great Koala Park and likely will ignore any recommendations or findings you will present.</p>
<b>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?</b>	
<b>4. What additional mechanisms, support, or incentives can meaningfully empower and enhance First Nations people's involvement in climate mitigation, adaptation and environmental stewardship?</b>	
<b>5. What additional information and evidence should the commission consider when assessing progress towards NSW's targets for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions?</b>	<p>I assume to will receive a submission from LockThe Gate, that will detail the huge impact of particularly methane emissions fro coal. Consider that!</p>
<b>6. The speed of deployment of electricity</b>	

<b>generation and infrastructure is a key risk to emissions reduction targets. What more could be done to fast-track deployment?</b>	
<b>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?</b>	
<b>8. Are First Nations communities adequately engaged and included in sharing the benefits of the transition? What more could be done, and by whom?</b>	
<b>9. What are likely to prove the most effective approaches to accelerate rapid decarbonisation across freight and passenger transport?</b>	A much improved rail network
<b>10. What specific actions or policies could increase uptake of emissions reduction strategies in agriculture, both in the short and long term?</b>	Strictly controlling land clearing, incentivising tree plantations on degraded lands or growing hemp
<b>11. Given the uncertainties in land-sector net emissions, how should NSW incorporate this sector into the states climate policy and emissions profile?</b>	
<b>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</b>	Stop logging Native Forest, support biodiversity and resilience against floods, droughts and fire. Protect more land and involve Aboriginal people in the management

knowledge and practices?	
<b>13. What policies or programs at a sectoral level could complement the Safeguard Mechanism to support the accelerated decarbonisation of heavy industry in NSW?</b>	
<b>14. What measures could accelerate industrial heat electrification in NSW, where technology is viable?</b>	
<b>15. What short to medium term measures could be prioritised to address the systemic challenges regarding waste generation and resource recovery?</b>	Bring back Soft Plastics recycling now! Governments to create markets for Mixed Plastic products. Producer responsibility! Especially complete recycling of all electric car batteries would be a game changer
<b>16. How could transparency of how coal mines meet their Safeguard Mechanism obligations be improved?</b>	By public reporting
<b>17. What measures would lead to coal mines prioritising on-site abatement over offsetting?</b>	Not offering the offsetting option. Setting strong targets and mandate methane abatement requirements
<b>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?</b>	Set strong standards for greenhouse gas assessment
<b>19. What additional measures could accelerate electrification and increase energy efficiency of new and existing buildings?</b>	Stricter standards for new and incentive schemes for existing buildings.

<b>20. How could social equity be better addressed in the transition to an electrified built environment?</b>	By requiring developers and property owners to electrify everything and supply ample solar capacity.
<b>21. What approaches could NSW consider to eliminate refrigerants with a GWP &gt;10 from buildings?</b>	
<b>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?</b>	
<b>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?</b>	A lot greener. Forests, wetlands, mangrove and also grasslands are our biggest providers of resilience. The oceans are also crucial for carbon abatement. We have to just look after them and stop destroying them. It could be easy!
<b>24. What additional information and evidence should the commission consider when assessing progress towards the adaptation objective?</b>	Look beyond the smoke screen of under reporting, accounting tricks, loop holes and convenient lies. Go past the lobbyists and vested interests. Listen to community organisations who are more aware of what's really going on. Make democracy happen.
<b>25. How can adaptation planning better use the NSW Government's climate change projections (NARClIM)?</b>	
<b>26. What other information or tools are needed to support decision-makers in NSW?</b>	We have all the crucial information. It takes open minds, determination and courage to act
<b>27. What initiatives should the commission consider in assessing NSW's preparation and responses to extreme</b>	Community centred resilience planning

<b>heat and humidity events in NSW?</b>	
<b>Are there any other pieces of evidence or feedback you would like to add?</b>	<p>I hope you will rise to the occasion. You are in a position to make a real difference. I expect you have to be prepared to fight for a meaningful outcome, for the necessary change to happen. But then, when you are at a fork in the road, a small change in direction can make a big difference. I wish you all the resolve and strength to see it through.</p> <p>All the best, Thomas Luck</p>