

## 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>	The enormous cost of energy for people like myself as a pensioner is VERY significant without any energy relief. I own my own home but CANNOT get solar according to the many (10) solar contractors consulted. Why are pensioners being discriminated like this? Why, when I own my own home and not going to sell and have energy bills between \$250---\$1050 per bill, can I get solar??? Surely the older a person is the Greater the need to supply and allow them to get solar?
<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>	Commission can take MAJOR actions in this to ensure ALL people get solar, not just the privileged few. If NSW wants to grow solar, then pensioners need to be assisted to get solar on their own homes, NOT discriminated.
<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>	I did my PhD with Professor Martin Green from UNSW & should not be denied solar. Targets are set for everybody to work towards those set targets. Gov cannot deny people wishing to get solar just because they are pensioners and have no capital to spend.
<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>	Government needs to do a very big education program with solar providers so that pensioners are given opportunities to have solar on their roofs and not be denied because there is NO funding to apply or install the technology!
<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>	Use of trains by getting trucks off the road
<b>10. What specific actions or policies could increase uptake of emissions reduction strategies in agriculture, both in the short and long term?</b>	
<b>11. Given the uncertainties in land-sector net emissions, how should NSW incorporate this sector into the state's 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>	

<b>knowledge and practices?</b>	
<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>	
<b>16. How could transparency of how coal mines meet their Safeguard Mechanism obligations be improved?</b>	
<b>17. What measures would lead to coal mines prioritising on-site abatement over offsetting?</b>	
<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>	
<b>19. What additional measures could accelerate electrification and increase energy efficiency of new and existing buildings?</b>	

<b>20. How could social equity be better addressed in the transition to an electrified built environment?</b>	
<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>	
<b>24. What additional information and evidence should the commission consider when assessing progress towards the adaptation objective?</b>	
<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>	
<b>27. What initiatives should the commission consider in assessing NSW's preparation and responses to extreme</b>	

<b>heat and humidity events in NSW?</b>	
<b>Are there any other pieces of evidence or feedback you would like to add?</b>	