

NSW Government Response to the Net Zero Commission 2024 Annual Report



I would like to express my thanks to the Net Zero Commission (the Commission) for delivering its first annual report to me on 1 November 2024.

The Commission's role is to monitor, review and report on the State's whole of economy progress towards its emissions reduction targets and the adaptation objective that New South Wales is more resilient to a changing climate.

The Commission's report highlights the significant progress New South Wales has made in its climate commitments, the ongoing work across different sectors of the economy, as well as the challenges we continue to face and the opportunities that lie ahead. It also identifies areas that will be a primary focus for its future work. In future reports, the Commission will provide recommendations for the Government to consider.

I have requested that the Joint Standing Committee on Net Zero Future produce an inquiry on the Commission's report. The Committee's report is due to be tabled on 28 March 2025.

We are developing a more comprehensive Government response to both the Commission's report and the findings of the parliamentary inquiry, which I anticipate will be published in May 2025.

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is leading this response, with input and consultation from agencies across government.

I look forward to continuing our work with the Commission as we take meaningful action on climate change and work towards a sustainable future for New South Wales.

Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC

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