



The Honourable Matt Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment

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Dear Ms Mackey

I write to direct, under s13(2)(b) of the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991* (NSW), that the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) include the following additional information in State of the Environment reports published between 2020 and 2030, including the next issue due in late 2021.

Direction on matters to be dealt with in State of the Environment reports

An assessment of the NSW Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020 - 2030 (**the Plan**), setting out:

Statewide context

1. a description of the status of the policies set out in the Plan;
2. the State's projected annual emissions reductions on 2005 levels by 2030 expressed in percentage terms;

The Plan's impacts

3. the emissions reductions expected by 2030 on 2005 levels as a result of the totality of the Plan and other NSW Government policies;
4. the extent to which the Plan is setting the State up to achieve its aspiration to have net zero carbon emissions by 2050;
5. an analysis of the economic impacts of the Plan; and
6. an analysis of the other environmental impacts of the Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, this direction does not require the EPA to include any information specific to individual businesses or facilities or commercially sensitive or confidential information.

I note that I am required to table this direction in Parliament and that the EPA is to include a report of this direction in its next annual report.

Context for the direction

In March 2020, the Government released the Plan, which is the foundation for NSW's action on climate change. It outlines the Government's strategy to grow the economy, create jobs and reduce emissions over the next decade.

The Government will monitor and review its progress to net zero emissions and the implementation of the Plan. The Plan outlines a four-level approach to governance, the first level of which is through the State of the Environment reports that will be published between 2020 and 2030.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MK', written in a cursive style.

Matt Kean MP

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