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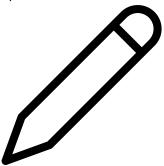
I appreciate the effort that has gone into the preparation of this Draft, but a plan which includes statements like "The undeveloped coal resources available in the Hunter and Newcastle coalfields ... provide immediate and long term opportunities for growth" cannot really taken seriously.

Whether we like it or not, the world is moving away from fossil fuels and that shift will accelerate.

A 20-year plan must address how to wean the Hunter Region off its dependence on Coal and CSG - otherwise it is doing a grave disservice to the future of the families of the Hunter region.

While there is mention of expanding renewable energy production, the plan needs to explore in some detail those alternative industries which could replace, what will certainly be during this time frame, significantly declining employment opportunities in fossil fuel industries.

Newcastle survived post BHP and the Hunter can prosper without depending on coal (& CSG) provided that plans are developed and put into effect now.



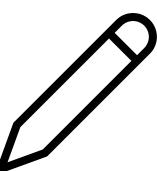
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