

Mr Luke Foley MP
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Date:

Dear Mr Foley

TIME TO CHOOSE CLEAN ENERGY OVER COAL AND GAS

Next year, Labor seeks election to govern NSW. I'm writing because when I vote, I'll be looking for a party with policies that take seriously the urgent need for NSW to move away from reliance on coal towards a renewable future.

The cost of climate change is already on us – here in NSW we are seeing increased bushfire risk, danger to coastal communities and the rising energy costs of trying to keep cool in summer. Internationally, we are seeing whole nations swamped in the Pacific, species extinction at an accelerating rate, and extreme weather events disrupting commerce as well as taking lives. This is not the future I want to live with or to leave for the next generation.

I'm looking not just for action to adapt to a changing climate. The government we elect must ensure that NSW does all it can to decrease the greenhouse gas emissions produced here, and elsewhere from fossil fuels mined here. If we do not act strongly, we cannot expect other states or countries to do so. Any government that continues to rely on coal – as a fuel source, or for royalties or jobs – is a backward-looking one.

What will your party pledge to do to turn around NSW dependence on coal and gas? I believe that anything less than a firm declaration of no new coal and no new expansions of coal mines, and a timeline for replacing these sources, is not a real commitment to a clean and successful future for NSW.

I look forward to your response, and am asking others to also write to you.

Yours sincerely

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This letter was originally written by members of Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle, a non-aligned community action group, in April 2018. Please feel free to copy and add your own comment before you send.
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