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Are the current actions undertaken by the NSW State Government adequate to address the problem of climate change? Why?

No. We need to act on climate change and contribute to staying below 1.5 degrees global temperature rise compared to pre-industrial levels. We should support international agreements to lower greenhouse gas emissions including a target of net zero emissions by 2035.

Will you vote in parliament to legislate an emissions reduction target in NSW? If not, why not?

Yes.

What more do you think could be done to reduce emissions in NSW?

Imposing a moratorium on all native forest logging. Impose a moratorium on all new coal mines in Australia. Impose a moratorium on all new fracking. Phase out fossil fuel subsidies. Stabilise Australia's population size.

Given that coal is the most polluting of all fossil fuels, would you favour banning new coal projects in NSW? If so, when?1 response

Yes. Effective immediately.

How will you increase the penetration of EVs in NSW so it matches take-up rates in Europe and China?

Firstly, we while we should prioritise public transport systems, we should also support the uptake of electric vehicles and related infrastructure through reduced registration fees for electric and smaller cars.

Do we need new gas exploration and mining for domestic supply, or would a gas reservation policy be preferable?

Australia and NSW should implement domestic energy reservation policies for relevant resources, including natural gas.

Land clearing is one of the main roadblocks in the quest to reduce emissions in NSW. What will you do to stop it from occurring?

We would end broadscale land clearing and initiate a nationwide ecological restoration and rewilding program to rehabilitate degraded lands. Further, we would impose a moratorium on housing sprawl and implement widespread urban, rural and marine

animal habitat protection, including avoiding habitats of all threatened, vulnerable and endangered native species in housing, mining, agriculture, etc developments.