

Mr Andrew Mills  
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Dear Mr Mills, *Andrew*

I write regarding correspondence I have received from the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage. A copy of Minister Sharpe's letter is enclosed.

Minister Sharpe has written to advise of the most recent updates to the NSW Government's climate change policy framework, which has implications for current and future planning decisions.

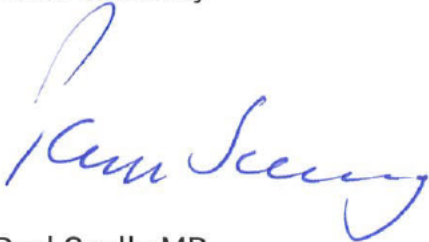
As you will note from Minister Sharpe's letter, the NSW Government has passed legislation enshrining in law NSW emissions reduction targets. The *Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023* establishes interim targets of a 50% reduction on 2005 levels by 2030 and a 70% reduction by 2035. Minister Sharpe has highlighted that the latest projections by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water confirms that NSW is not currently on track to meet its 2030 and 2035 targets without further action by government and the private sector.

As noted, Minister Sharpe has requested that agencies involved in the assessment and decision-making processes within the planning system have regard for the Government's emissions reduction targets, the Climate Change Act's guiding principles and the new Climate Change Assessment Requirements and Guidelines for high-emitting projects.

I ask that you consider the issues that Minister Sharpe has raised as the Independent Planning Commission continues to assess projects currently before it.

Should you have any enquiries, Gino Mandarin, Deputy Chief of Staff, in my office can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



**Paul Scully MP**  
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Encl: Correspondence from the Hon Penny Sharpe, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage