“that conclusion or determination which best serves the advancement of the interest or welfare of the public, society or the nation”

Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia in McKinnon v Secretary, Department of Treasury [2005]

What is the public interest?

The public interest has been described as referring to considerations affecting the good order and functioning of the community and government affairs for the wellbeing of citizens. It has also been described as the benefit of society, the public or the community as a whole.

Chris Wheeler, former Deputy Ombudsman of NSW

In the High Climate Cost Scenario, the NSW economy could be $1.5 trillion smaller relative to the baseline over the next 50 years due to this warming [2.6^{0} C].

The acceleration of damage starts around 2040, at which point the economy loses 2% of Gross State Product (GSP) relative to the baseline. This doubles to 4% in the ten years to 2050.

In the High Climate Cost scenario, the pace of employment decline rapidly rises from 2050 and peaking in 2070 with almost 290,000 fewer jobs across the NSW economy compared to the baseline.

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