

Net Zero Commission

Meeting with IPC Panel – HVO Coal Continuation Project

24 July 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

The Net Zero Commission acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waters upon which we live and work throughout NSW.

We pay respect to Elders, past and present, acknowledging the diversity of First Nations peoples across NSW, and we recognise their ongoing connection to land, waters, biodiversity and culture.

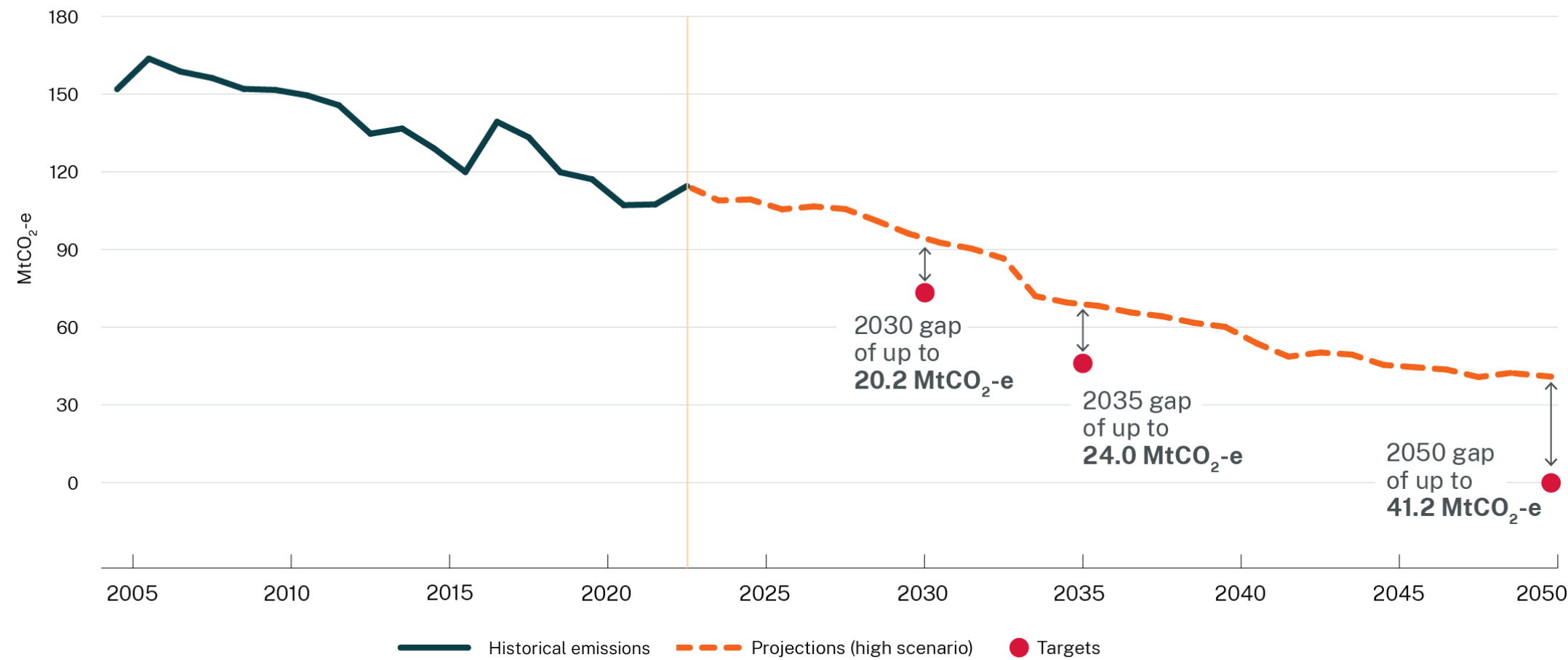
We recognise the practice of intergenerational care for Country and its relevance to our work. The Net Zero Commission values Aboriginal knowledge of caring for Country. We seek to listen, learn and build strong partnerships with First Nations peoples across NSW. Cultural approaches to caring for Country have existed for millennia and can teach us ways of adapting to our changing environment.

Sun puddles hot on Country by Suzy Evans

Artist statement:

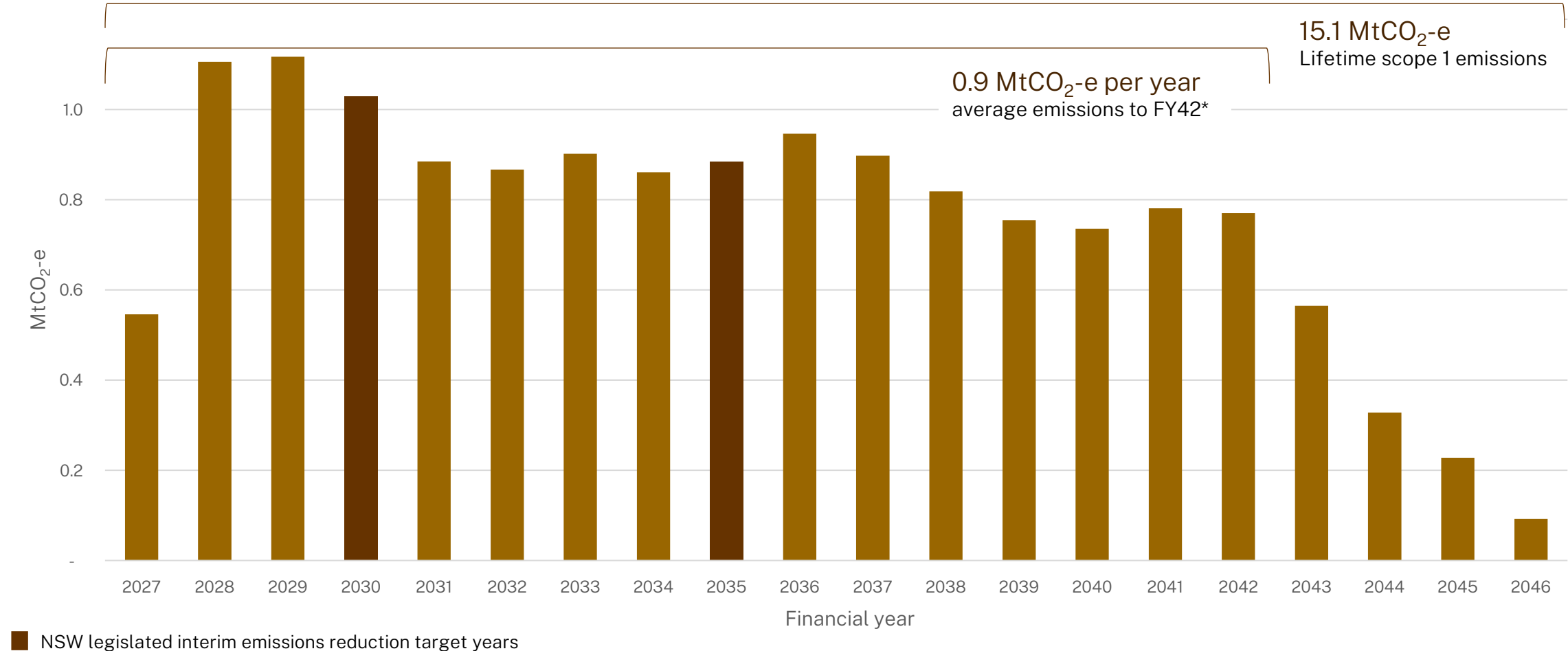
This piece evokes both contemporary and traditional symbols to foster an understanding of the sun's power. Summer heat in Garah NSW, manifests like puddles, puddles of sun. Sun on Country, sun puddles.

Figure 1: Historical reported and projected NSW emissions and gap to target



Source: Net Zero Commission 2026 Annual Progress Report, p. 41.

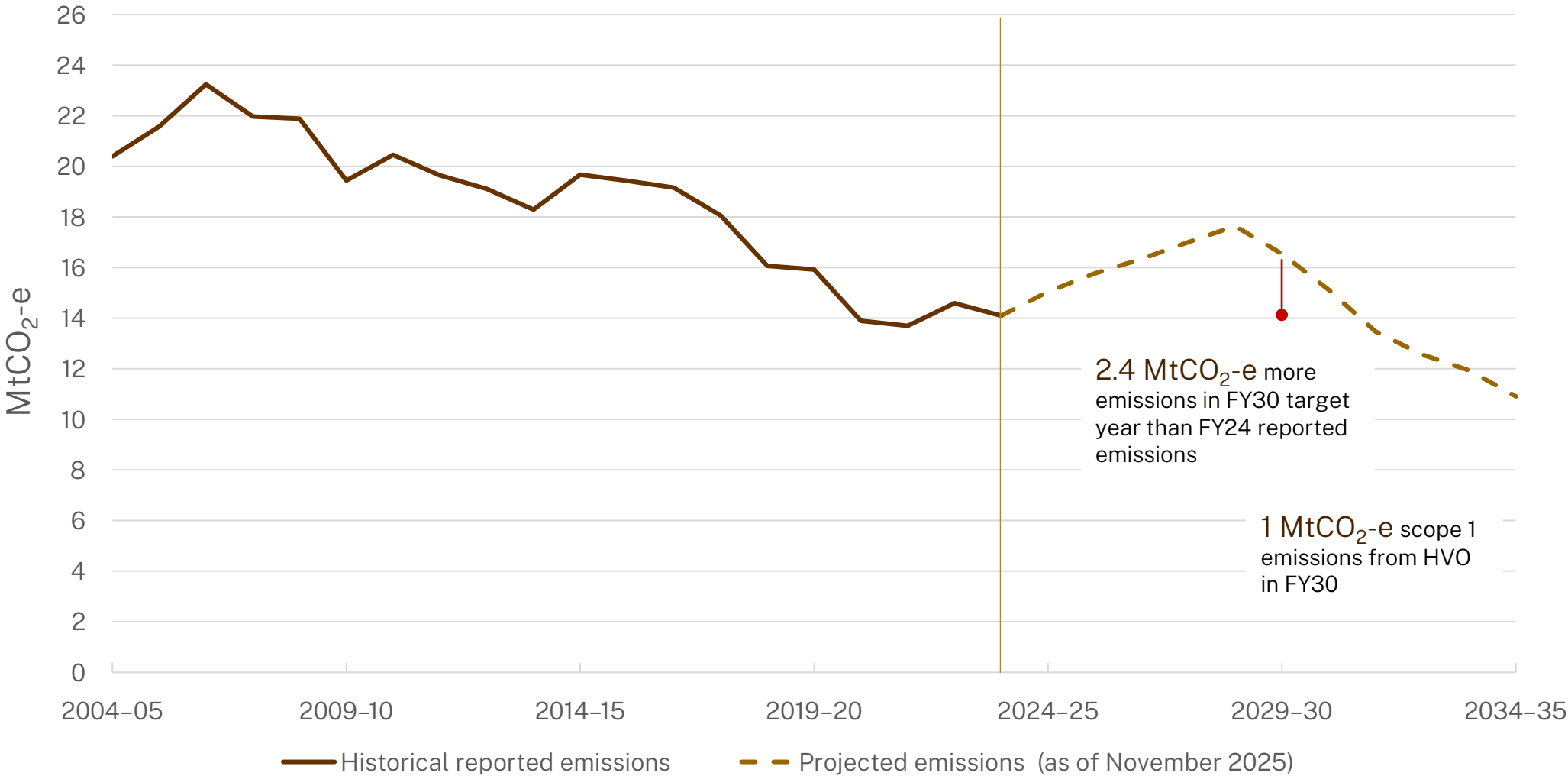
Figure 2: Scope 1 emissions from the project



* HVO South proposed to finish in FY2042. HVO North proposed to finish in FY2046.

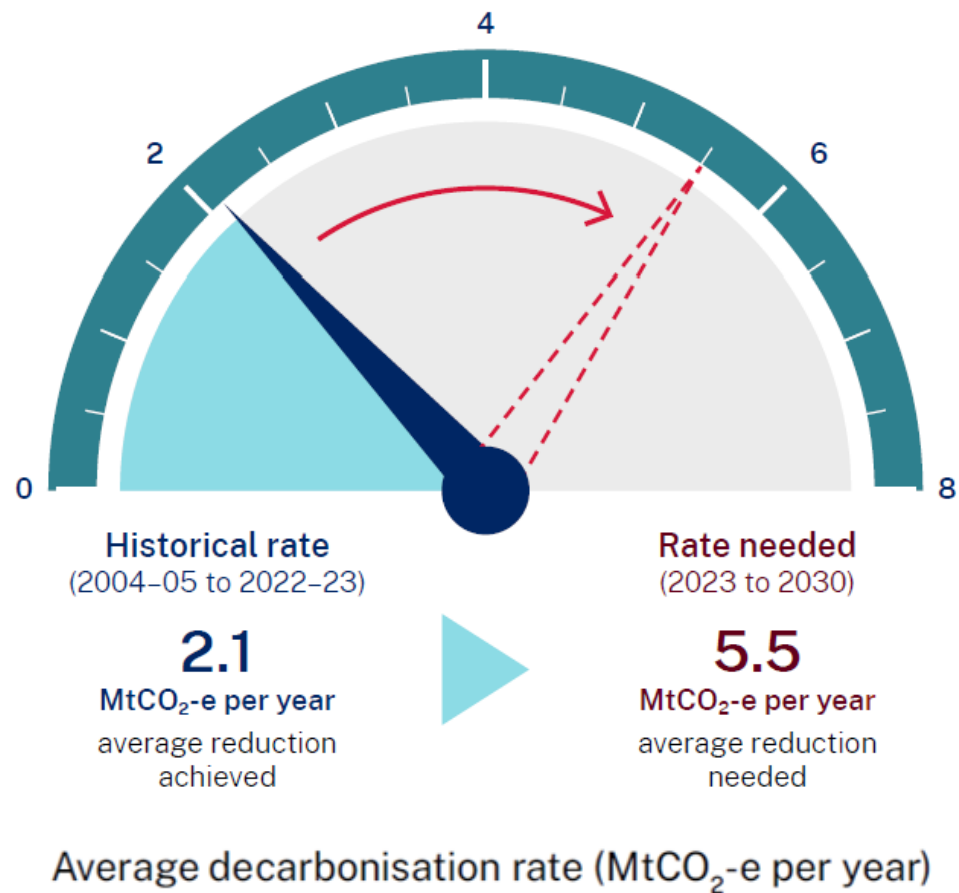
Source: Emissions from HVO Continuation Project greenhouse gas assessment, amendment report in calendar years, apportioned to financial years based on number of days.

Figure 3: Historical reported and projected scope 1 emissions from NSW coal mines



Source: Reported emissions from Net Zero Commission analysis of 2023-24 state and territory greenhouse gas inventory; projected emissions from NSW Greenhouse Gas Emission Projections 2025; HVO scope 1 emissions from HVO Continuation Project greenhouse gas assessment, amendment report in calendar years, apportioned to financial years based on number of days.

Figure 4: Emissions need to reduce faster



Source: Net Zero Commission 2026 Annual Progress Report, p. 39