Dear Sir or Madam,

I missed the opportunity to complete the survey but would still like to have my say.

*I do not feel that the detail required by the new Guide for Large Emitters is reasonable.

*Coal and gas mining should not be regarded in the same way as other industries being urged to decarbonise their activities. Coal and gas mining need to be treated more strictly as they are causing climate change.

*It must be understood that coal and gas mining need to be phased out. It must be allowed for projects to be rejected if they put climate goals, as promised in the Paris agreement, at risk. Australia and NSW must take climate responsibilities seriously.

*Requirements for assessing environmental impacts are insufficient. Coal and gas miners must be required to assess the cost of carbon against relevant guidance from the AER and NSW Treasury.

*Coal and gas miners should have to assess the impact on other industries of the extra burden of decarbonisation that will fall on them when new coal and gas projects produce even more carbon emissions.

*Coal and gas miners should have to assess, and pay for, the economic impacts of emissions that will occur due to more serious floods, higher temperatures and other outcomes of climate damage.

*The EPA should arrange to monitor, and publish, direct emissions of methane from projects, including coal and gas projects and the project owners should pay for this monitoring. I don't want the polluters to monitor their own pollution. We need to have confidence that it will be done properly and honestly.

*The guide should also specify that methane emissions need to be estimated using a 20-year Global Warming Potential, to enable proper assessment against short-term climate targets for 2030 and 2035.

*The guide should be strengthened by prohibiting the use of carbon offsets by coal and gas projects. Carbon offsets are a huge problem. They don't work and just allow the coal and gas companies to keep on polluting under the guise of offsets that do not, and cannot, make up for the pollution that is caused.

*The guide should be improved by requiring the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. Coal and gas miners should assess how their projects will impact that right, as identified by the Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment.

*Coal and gas miners should also be required to evaluate their project against all of the NZF Act's Guiding Principles.

Sincerely,

Kim G