Submission on EPA Draft Climate Change Policy and Action Plan 2022-2025

It is considered that the EPA's climate change policy and action plan, wittingly or unwittingly, promote unjustified action that would lead to certain demise of the NSW and Australian economies, for the following reasons:

. there is no empirical scientific evidence to substantiate the hypothesis that human-induced greenhouse gases cause dangerous global warming – AKA climate change;

. so-called climate change action is driven by UN-inspired political groupthink, that is based on Green ideology, relying on climate models that are unvalidated, and devoid of scientific and economic justification;

. tragically, many (including King Charles III, Klaus Schwab, academics, politicians, bureaucrats, business owners, and the younger generations) have been conned/indoctrinated into believing that effective action can be taken to control climate change;

. sadly, Australian politicians have joined the latest craze to commit to Net Zero emissions by 2050. There are no realistic cost-benefit analyses to justify such extreme action;

. surprisingly, if not irresponsibly, Australian Energy Market Commission Chairwoman Anna Collyer recently told the *Australian Financial Review* Energy & Climate Summit that:

'*[R]egulators were not even contemplating a Plan B if clean energy projects were not delivered in time for the exit of coal.*

'*The last thing anybody would want to see is any extension to the lives of coal-fired power stations: I really don't want to talk about a Plan B*.'

. the replacement of reliable low-cost coal-fired power by intermittent renewable energy will continue to lead to more costly and unreliable power – witness the sorry experience of such measures in Europe and the USA. Australian industry will be seriously adversely impacted by continued increased electricity prices and an ever more precarious supply, resulting in businesses being forced to close or move offshore, and, consequently, causing substantial job losses;

. Australia cannot manage with renewables alone, once all coal-fired power generation is closed down, unless substantial nuclear power has been installed in the meantime.