WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

LEGISLATION, APPROVALS AND POLICY

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Climate change
Biodiversity
Waste
Social licence
Compliance
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Mr Trump told The Sun of the encounter: “I have met Charles before. I like Charles. I think that’s very good.

“We will be talking. I can say we have among the cleanest climate in the world right now.

“Our air and water are doing very well. We hope other countries can do so well. You know, it is a big atmosphere and frankly if one country is going to be bad and other countries going to be good, the country that is good gets penalised. Which is unfair.”
“I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic ... and act as if the house was on fire.”

Greta Thunberg
Environmental Activist
Climate Solutions Package

The Climate Solutions Package is a fully costed $3.5 billion package to deliver on Australia's 2020 climate commitments. Our plan builds on our existing policies, and our success in comprehensively beating our Kyoto commitments:

- $2 billion Climate Solutions Fund to reduce greenhouse emissions across the economy through the existing Emissions Reduction Funds, including: lighting for homes, small businesses and remote communities, and actions to implement the Kyoto Protocol and build on local opportunities.
- Continued support for the Cooperative Research Centres for the National Energy Market through Energy 2.0 and helping the Batteries of the Nation Project in South Australia and Victoria. This will ensure that pumped hydro storage continues to allow more than energy to be exported to the mainland, while increasing a wider energy supply.
- Developing a National Electric Vehicle Strategy to ensure a smart and managed transition to new electric technology and infrastructure across all Australian cities and towns.
- Helping households and small businesses improve energy efficiency and save energy 28%.
- Green and clean local investments by supporting local communities.
Social licence

Social and economic matters

Social impact assessment

Elected decision makers

Public interest

Any other relevant matter
“In short, an open cut coal mine in this part of the Gloucester valley would be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Wrong place because an open cut coal mine in this scenic and cultural landscape, proximate to many people’s homes and farms, will cause significant planning, amenity, visual and social impacts. Wrong time because the GHG emissions of the coal mine and its coal product will increase global total concentrations of GHGs at a time when what is now urgently needed, in order to meet generally agreed climate targets, is a rapid and deep decrease in GHG emissions. These dire consequences should be avoided. The Project should be refused.”

Gloucester Resources Limited v Minister for Planning [2019] NSWLEC 7
Preston, CJ
Okay, where are we heading?

Don't know, man. But 'Cape of Good Hope' sounds pretty optimistic, doesn't it?