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Locals' priorities for economic diversification and social wellbeing in the Upper Hunter



There are many valued industries in the region, including coal mining, but coal mining is dominant.



There is a gap
between perceptions
about debate in the
public sphere and the
nature of private
discussion regarding
the future of the
region.



There are mixed views on the compatibility of coal with other industries so viable alternative industries that can grow up alongside coal in the immediate-term are important.



Government is expected to take a leading role in the region, particularly in developing a socially legitimate plan, though this should be in cooperation with industry and community.



Residents of the region view the region through their lived experience. In this way, no sector can be managed in isolation of the rest of the region as a whole.



THANK YOU

Colvin, RM & Przybyszewski, 'Local residents' policy preferences in an energy contested region – the Upper Hunter, Australia', under review with *Energy Policy*.

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