

Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate

About the Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate's role

The Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate (Jobs Advocate) is established under section 10 of the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020*. The Jobs Advocate's role is to advise the Minister for Energy on:

- strategies and incentives to encourage investment, development, workforce development, employment and education and training opportunities in the energy sector in NSW including in the Hunter, Central Coast, Illawarra, Far West, South West, New England and the Central West regions of NSW
- rail, road and port infrastructure which is required in NSW and the regions specified above to promote export opportunities for generation, storage and network technology
- other matters requested by the Minister.

The Jobs Advocate may also:

- support implementation of actions in the Renewable Energy Sector Board's plan, especially those relating to skills development and training
- sit on boards, committees and working groups as relevant to the role, including the Employment Purpose Advisory Committee.

About Dr Mark Apthorpe

The Minister for Energy appointed Dr Mark Apthorpe as the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate on 14 February 2022.

Dr Apthorpe is based in the Hunter and is the current chair of the Hunter Plant Operator Training School Ltd (HPOTS) and the Hunter section of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). He has also held senior executive roles in energy and logistics businesses.

Dr Apthorpe's most recent role was as a lecturer in management at the University of Newcastle. He brings to the role strong networks in industry, education, vocational training, unions and a range of relevant industry groups.
