



## NSW Peak Oil Response Plan Bill 2008

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*The NSW Greens provided this update about their peak oil bill in the NSW Parliament.*

The Greens Peak Oil Response Plan Bill was voted down in the NSW Upper House on Tuesday 3rd March - by 20 votes to 19 votes.

The object of the Greens Bill was to establish a Peak Oil Taskforce, which would inquire into and report on the best strategies to mitigate the impact of peak oil on New South Wales. We also proposed a moratorium on the construction of oil-dependent infrastructure, such as motorways, for the duration of the inquiry.

Lee Rhiannon's speech in reply and the vote on the bill can be seen in Hansard here: <http://parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/PARLMENT/hansArt.nsf/V3Key/LC20090303040>



The Labor party did not support the bill on the basis that the market will solve the problem of peak oil and on the basis that the Government is already sufficiently prepared for peak oil. In the debate, the Coalition were split on their approach to the bill - Trevor Khan said his party would not oppose the bill, but Rick Colless referred to peak oil as 'nebulous' and said that his party would not reveal its position. Ultimately the Coalition did support the bill however there are clearly internal tensions about the response to peak oil.

Neither of the major parties mentioned public transport as part of the response to peak oil in the parliamentary debate.

You can follow the entire debate here:

<http://parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/hansart.nsf/V3HHBBill?open&vw...>

And the bill is here:

<http://parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/nswbills.nsf/o/FAB53D7D8C558F...>



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