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Afternoon Update: Eraring decision criticised; fatal stage collapse at Mexico campaign rally; and people whose names are autocorrected

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A decision by the New South Wales government [to extend the life of Australia's biggest coal-fired power station](#) has been described as deeply disappointing by environmental groups.

Eraring plant will remain open until 2027, two more years than originally expected. Origin Energy agreed to keep the 40-year power station open, with NSW taxpayers potentially underwriting the 2.88-gigawatt plant to keep generating power beyond the scheduled closure date of August 2025 [Origin set two years ago](#).

The Australian Energy Market Operator warned slower than expected construction of transmission lines and additional wind and solar farms would create a "reliability gap" if Eraring's closure proceeded as originally planned.

The NSW energy minister, Penny Sharpe, called the decision "a proactive and sensible step". But Tim Buckley, the head of Climate Energy Finance, labelled it "the devastating consequence of a decade of government planning failure".