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A STATEMENT made by the State Minister of Energy Matt Kean has suggested the electricity network service operating across 95 per cent of regional and rural NSW, Essential Energy Corporation, will cut 500 jobs which is separate from their plan to cut another 500 workers' jobs, the State Opposition said.

"The loss of some 500 jobs across regional NSW will be a devastating blow to the towns and communities which those workers call home, and the Nationals must be held to account for being complicit every step of the way," Shadow Minister for Regional and Rural Jobs Yasmin Catley said.

"Regional and rural communities are doing it tough, and the further cuts at Essential Energy are only going to make an already dire situation worse for workers, families and local economies," Labor spokesperson for Bathurst Mark Buttigieg said.

Since 2012, Essential Energy has reduced skilled front-line workers available to respond to blackouts, storm damage, or other major incidents by 2000 people.