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Dear Mr Ko,

Request For Comments – Snowy 2.0 Exploratory Works Modification 1 (SSI 18_9208)

I refer to correspondence dated 24 June 2019 requesting the NSW Environment Protection Authority's ("EPA") comments on Snowy 2.0 Exploratory Works Modification 1.

The proposed modification includes further geotechnical investigation of Snowy 2.0 power station, groundwater monitoring, ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of tracks, establishment of construction power connection, minor changes to the project boundary, removal of trees along Lobs Hole Ravine Road, continued use of existing communications towers within Kosciuszko National Park and increase in peak traffic volumes.

The EPA has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement relating to Modification 1 and provides the following comment for consideration by the the NSW Department of Planning & Environment.

Appropriate Regulatory Authority
The EPA notes that the substation proposed in Lobs Hole will be designed, constructed, owned, operated and maintained by TransGrid. As TransGrid is a public authority, the EPA will be the appropriate regulatory authority as per s.6 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Licencing
Relating to the proposed modiciation 1, the EPA does not intend to alter the current environment protection licence issued to Snowy Hydro Limited for Snowy 2.0 Exploratory Works.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss these matters further, please contact Ellie Dean or myself on (02) 6229 7002 or via email to queanbeyan@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerley,

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