

Submission to Snowy Hydro 2.0 Main Works

Ever since I heard of the idea put forward in Prime Minister Turnbull's time in office I have been deeply worried about the consequences of this action. Having protected land on my part in Victoria it is distressing to see devastation in other areas

It seems so out of touch with where, just at a time when protecting the land in parks as well as outside them is ever more important. We face climate change. Indeed, if we are to stem climate change this initiative, when there are real alternatives, is not the right way to go.

Hence I add the analysis below in full as it covers what I wish to say. And I thank you for the opportunity, and strongly advise this project not go ahead.

Yours faithfully

Geraldine Ryan

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