

Submission: MOD3 – Snowy 2.0 Additional Adit

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-3-additional-adit>

Timeframe for Consultation

Two weeks public consultation is absolutely unacceptable and arrogant. Few people will have the opportunity to respond because of the extremely short exhibition period and there has been little publicity about it.

Additional compensation funding to NPWS

This additional adit from the Marica west side, to the main tunnel is likely to create even more damage to national estate values of Kosciuszko National Park and result in further dumping of spoil. Past agreements and payments by Snowy 2.0 for ‘compensation’ and spoil dumping in Kosciuszko National Park have been a appallingly small for the permanent loss of areas with outstanding natural values. This MOD3 damage is additional to those costs and must be recognized and costed at much more than “market values”.

Drainage of wetlands:

My main concern is that there has been no apparent consideration of:

The potential drainage of wetlands in the surrounding areas on Kiandra Plain, both sides of the Snowy Mountains Highway. In particular, the internationally renown “string bogs” in that area, that are extremely sensitive to hydrological changes and may be impacted by changes in water levels caused by the proposed works and lost forever.

These are features of outstanding natural significance and under no circumstances can damage to these hydrologically dependent systems be justified.

It is crucial that before any further decisions are made that C, Snowy 2.0 should have the proposal reviewed by a truly independent bogs and mires scientist(s).

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