

Isaac Strachan
Health, Safety and Environmental Lead
Snowy Hydro Limited
Via: Major projects portal
18 October 2022

Subject: Preparation of Modification Report – MOD 1 Laydown areas and construction traffic

Dear Mr Strachan,

I refer to the Scoping Letter (dated 7 October 2022) outlining the proposed modification (Modification 1) to the Hunter Power Project (the project, SSI-12590060) to extend the site boundary to provide additional areas for construction laydown and other activities and increase construction light and heavy vehicle movements.

Based on the information provided, the Department considers that the proposed activities can be assessed as a Section 5.25 modification of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The Department will not be issuing formal Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Proposed Modification.

The Department requests that in addition to the assessment outlined in the Scoping Letter, that the Modification Report include a qualitative assessment of all other relevant environmental impacts assessed in the original assessment for the Hunter Power Project.

Your Modification Report must be prepared having regard to the Department's *State significant Infrastructure guidelines – preparing a modification report*. All relevant guides for State significant projects are available at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework/Improving-assessment-guidance>.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely



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