

# Clarification

30 July 2018

RE Clarification - engagement with National Parks Association in relation to Snowy Hydro Limited's proposed Exploratory Works for Snowy 2.0

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The environmental impact statement (EIS) for Exploratory Works for Snowy 2.0 was prepared by EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) and published on 23 July 2018. The EIS, which contains six volumes, summarises engagement activities with the National Parks Association (NPA) in the following sections:

- Section 4.4.2iv in Chapter 4 (engagement chapter) in the Volume 1;
- Section 3.3.6 in Chapter 3 of Appendix D (stakeholder engagement report) in Volume 2; and
- Section 5.11 in Chapter 5 of Appendix R (social assessment) in Volume 6.

Each of those sections state, in part:

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Based on the briefings with the NPA on 7 May and 21 May 2018, and the [Total Environment Centre] TEC on 21 May 2018 both groups stated that their main concern with Snowy 2.0 centred around the viability of the project in light of the increased take-up of renewable energy generation projects. It was suggested at the briefing on 21 May 2018 that due to the take-up of these renewable energy projects, the need for Snowy 2.0 would be redundant in five years. Both groups stated that, in their view, there was not enough information publicly available that justified the project progressing, particularly within the KNP.

Other concerns raised by the NPA and TEC, included:

- possibility that multiple approvals would be sought for different components of Snowy 2.0 (like Exploratory Works);
- potential impact of works required to upgrade the transmission network for Snowy 2.0;
- impact of maximising water storages in Tantangara Reservoir;
- impact of the disposal of excavated rock in the reservoirs; and
- transfer of Redfin from Talbingo Reservoir to Tantangara Reservoir and its tributaries.

Subsequent to the publishing of the EIS, the NPA contacted Snowy Hydro Ltd (Snowy Hydro) to state that it does not support the construction of major infrastructure within national parks.

Accordingly, reference to the NPA's opposition to the construction of Snowy 2.0 within the Kosciuszko National Park (KNP) should be noted in the three sections of the EIS referenced above, as follows:

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Subsequent to the publishing of this EIS, the NPA contacted Snowy Hydro to state that it does not support the construction of major infrastructure within National Parks. As such, the NPA is opposed to Snowy 2.0 being undertaken within KNP.

