



Mr Andrew Nolan
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Dear Mr Nolan

**Snowy 2.0 - Main Works (SSI 9687)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

I have attached the Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Snowy 2.0 Main Works.

These requirements are based on the information you have provided to date, and have been prepared in consultation with the relevant government agencies.

As you are aware, the project was determined to be a controlled action under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) on 5 December 2019, for likely impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance.

I can confirm that the administrative procedures in the accredited assessment process will apply to the assessment of this project under the EPBC Act, so that the Department can undertake an environmental impact assessment of the project to satisfy the requirements of both NSW and Commonwealth legislation.

It would be appreciated if you would notify the Department at least 2 weeks before you plan to submit the EIS for the project to allow the appropriate fee to be determined and make suitable arrangements for the public exhibition of the EIS.

I can advise you that the Department will review the EIS for the project before placing it on public exhibition. If it fails to adequately address these requirements, you will be required to submit an amended EIS.

Please note that the Department may alter these requirements at any time, and that you must consult further with the Department if you do not lodge an EIS for the project within the next two years.

If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ko, who can be contacted on 8217 2022 or anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Kitto'.

David Kitto
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as nominee of the Secretary