

Nicola Fraser  
Post Approvals  
Snowy Hydro Limited  
By email  
10/02/2026

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Subject: Snowy 2.0 Main Works – Talbingo Rock Platform Management Plan and Trial Emplacement

Dear Ms Fraser

I refer to your letter dated 10 February 2026, requesting the Planning Secretary's:

- approval to conduct a Stage 1 Trial Emplacement of tunnel boring machine (TBM) material below full supply level in Talbingo Reservoir for the temporary Talbingo Rock Platform works; and
- approval of the Talbingo Rock Platform Management Plan (Version G, January 2026) which will be appended to the existing Water Management Plan.

I note that the proposed Stage 1 Trial Emplacement:

- involves an initial emplacement of up to 5,000 m<sup>3</sup> of mixed TBM and drill and blast material, that will be undertaken in accordance with the Talbingo Rock Platform Management Plan; and
- has been prepared in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority, National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries.

Following careful review, the Department approves the commencement of the Stage 1 Trial, and confirms the Talbingo Rock Platform Management Plan (Rev G, January 2026) meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in approval SSI-9687.

Prior to commencing the Stage 2 full-scale emplacement works, you must submit a site-wide water balance incorporating spoil rinsing activities and a Trial Validation Report addressing Stage 1 outcomes to the Department for review and approval.

You are also reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Talbingo Rock Platform Management Plan and the conditions of the approval, the conditions prevail. Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Anthony Ko on (02 8217 2022) or at [anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anthony.ko@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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