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Dear Katrina,

As part of the Snowy 2.0 Main Works, Snowy Hydro is writing to provide a courtesy notification regarding upcoming spoil haulage and emplacement activities at the Rock Forest site, located outside of Kosciuszko National Park (KNP) approximately 12 kilometres west of Adaminaby.

Excess spoil that cannot be re-used during construction in permanent infrastructure or used elsewhere within the KNP, will be placed in emplacement areas at Talbingo (Ravine Bay, GF01 and Lobs Hole Main Yard), Tantangara Reservoir, and outside the KNP at Rock Forest. The Rock Forest Permanent Spoil Emplacement is engineered with an impermeable liner and leachate basin to manage spoil from Marica. The rock domain belongs to the Ravine Beds, consisting of marine siliciclastic and sedimentary deposits like shale, slate, siltstone, and limestone. Geochemically, the rock presents an exceptionally low environmental risk. To eliminate groundwater impacts from construction residues, the site will not receive filter cake, wedge pit slurry, fish tank slurry, and balance tank slurry, nor untreated water.

Over the planned haulage program, approximately 0.4 million m³ of spoil will be transferred to this site. This volume represents approximately 26,000 truck movements carried out over an estimated period of 650 days. This equates to approximately 40 heavy vehicle movements daily, which for the peak-hour, equates to 4 heavy vehicles. For the safety of motorists, heavy vehicles will use the slow turnout bays on Snowy Mountains Highway and maintain a 500 metre gap between loads.

Due to noise constraints for nearby residents, actual spoil haulage is strictly limited to standard daytime construction hours (Monday to Friday 7:00am - 6:00pm, Saturdays 8:00am - 1:00pm). Spoil transport movements will also be timed to avoid peak commuting hours through local townships (specifically, 8:00am to 9:30am and 4:00pm to 5:30pm).

Works will be conducted in accordance with all project approvals. As per the Transport Management Plan, when transporting spoil from Marica to Rock Forest, the following management measures will be implemented:

- Where spoil is transported on public roads, all vehicles will be covered to minimise the generation of dust
- Temporary speed limit reductions will be implemented for approaching the intersection of Snowy Mountains Highway and Rock Forest; and
- Traffic and construction noise associated with the disposal and emplacement of spoil at the Rock Forest site will be managed in accordance with the Construction Noise Management Plan - Rock Forest.

These works are set to commence on 05/06/2026. Given the dynamic nature of the construction schedule, we will promptly notify the Department via email of any adjustments to the exact start date for spoil placement.

Please let us know if the Department requires any further information regarding these upcoming works.

Yours sincerely,

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