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SUBMISSION RESPONSE- SNOWY 2.0 PROJECT.

KEY IMPACTS RELEVANT TO SMBUG MEMBERS.

Key impacts identified resultant from review of Project and associated activities as listed at-

Appendix X.2, Recreational Users Study,

2.5 Key impacts relevant to recreational users, Page 24 of Appendix X.2 -

All of the listed impacts (Numbered 1 to 10) are identified by SMBUG as affecting, to differing degrees, the recreational experiences of the diverse membership of the Group .

SMBUG accept the mitigation/offsets as listed in the Appendix at pages 46 to 54 applicable to each of the impact scenarios and the associated direct impact but make the following commentary/submission.

That the appropriate recreational offset for each impact that is to be detailed in a Master Plan for Camping and Day use as part of the Offset Strategy is resultant from a consultative process that **actively engages and includes recreational user representative groups-**

The rationale behind this submission is that to date NPWS, Southern Ranges, have actively and deliberately avoided an ongoing consultative interaction with SMBUG with respect to preliminary impact identification and possible mitigation/alternative outcomes identification.

SMBUG have attempted to set in place such mechanisms but there has been a failure on the part of NPWS to recognise these attempts.

This offset strategy has been developed with implementation of a number of guiding principles to identify appropriate actions targeting improved biodiversity outcomes for KNP and its recreational users. Snowy Hydro will continue to engage with Commonwealth and NSW government agencies and identified recreational user groups regarding the implementation of these actions as part of carrying out Snowy 2.0 Main Works.

The above underlined text, as justification for the submission point , is taken from **Appendix M.3, OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS, page 11.**

As part of this submission SMBUG make the following observation-

That the time frame for the projected temporary closure of Tantangara Road is, in real terms, nearing and to date NO collaborative discussions to identify alternative outcomes for any of the diverse range of recreational users have been implemented nor has any intent to implement such discussions been forshadowed.

Accordingly, SMBUG urge SNOWY 2.0 Project to instigate the implementation of such inclusive and collaborative mechanisms as required to address this issue.

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