



Mr Anthony Ko
Planning and Assessment Group
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Anthony.Ko@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Ko

Snowy 2.0 - Exploratory Works - Modification 2 - Tunnelling methodology (SSI-9208-Mod-2) (Snowy Monaro Regional, Snowy Valleys)

I refer to the above matter that was distributed to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) for comment on 5 November 2019.

DPI has reviewed the proposal and has identified the following issues.

The Modification 2 Assessment Report does not include any details on the management of the spoil that is to be produced from the tunnel boring machine (TBM) for the exploratory works tunnel, DPI has concerns regarding the disposal of this material and potential impacts on water quality and the aquatic ecosystem.

The approval granted for the exploratory works includes a trial disposal of the spoil material from the exploratory tunnel, however this approval and the assessment behind it was developed around spoil produced from drill and blast operations rather than TBM. DPI objects to the subaqueous disposal of any TBM material from the exploratory works without further assessment regarding the impacts of the subaqueous disposal of such mater and the potential impact on water quality, aquatic species particularly Murray Crayfish.

For more information on this advice please contact Luke Pearce on Luke.Pearce@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. McNamara'.

Cassandra McNamara
Manager, Coordination
DPIE DPI – Strategy & Policy
29 November 2019