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Executive Director Resource Assessment,
Planning Services
GPO Box 39
Sydney 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to bring to your attention in my submission with regard to Snowy 2.0, and how work on it will affect we, the residents of Talbingo.

We are concerned about the following:

How the closing of some areas of Talbingo Dam will affect our tourist trade and holiday makers who come here over the Christmas & Easter Holidays also during the Snow Season. If people stop coming in large numbers during these times there will be a drastic affect on the whole community, especially the Supermarket & Post Office, the Caravan Park, Garage, Country Club and the newly reopened Talbingo Lodge. Those who rent their holiday homes will also be affected. It is extremely difficult to get the custom back of holiday makers once they have found somewhere else to go.

Another concern is the introduction of heavy vehicles into the area of the Village on their way to the spillway. Our roads are already not in the best of repair due to timber and cattle trucks using it regularly so with more heavy vehicles it will become far worse and more dangerous to travel on.

We are also concerned about the value of our houses going down if people stop coming for holidays. In the past many of these people have decided to buy holiday or permanent housing after visiting here. The prices have risen recently because of the project but could easily be reduced because of it as well if people stop coming here for holidays.

There have been suggestions to put in pontoons near the boat ramp for people to access their boats once launched. On the side of the Dam Wall some of the fill could be used to make an enclosed place for swimmers and children. Maybe another place to launch jet skis away from the swimmers. This could be a way to replace the spillway area. This is of course if the fill from excavation has been deemed viable and safe for Talbingo Dam. This is also a concern as to whether the fill will be acceptable to put into the dam, whether it will affect the water quality and the ecological system in the dam.

The issues mentioned above will affect the lifeblood of this community if not addressed and a compromise solution agreed upon.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

Ross Shield
(Owner Resident)