

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO THE CONTINUED PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF SNOWY HYDRO LIMITED

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Theme:

Summary

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare Aero-medical and rescue Helicopter Service was established on October 1, 1998 to service the SE NSW and ACT region and has completed more than 2,350 life saving and rescue missions. It provides assistance at accident scenes, performs search and rescue missions and transports severely ill or injured patients

Snowy Hydro Limited has been a valuable supporter of the SouthCare Helicopter Service for the past six years and their announcement on the 29th April to continue their support for a further five years was welcomed most enthusiastically.

A financially successful Snowy Hydro Limited is vital to the community and particularly the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service's coverage of our widely diverse and geographically challenging areas of coverage . We appreciate that Snowy Hydro needs to grow to meet new challenges of supply and competition and it would therefore be regrettable if the failure of the privatisation proposal were to have any future negative affect on our sponsorship. Unfortunately some cut backs have already been necessary to our planned joint marketing initiatives with proposed road safety community safety announcements, to run on television throughout the winter period, not being able to proceed due to financial pressures.

Snowy Hydro Limited is recognised around the region for its strong community service ethos and their ongoing support is vital to assisting Snowy Hydro SouthCare to continue saving lives.