

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

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Dear Rev Moyles

Could you please include this as a submission on the sale of the Snowy

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Tuesday, 30th May 2006

Snowy Hydro Inquiry Submission

Louise Halsey

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Dear Sir,

Much is being said now possibly at the eleventh hour but maybe it is not too late for us all to say to the three governments involved **"We do not want the Snowy sold"**.

Just what are those financial brokers saying on the "For Sale Notice Board"?

A scheme built by the most extraordinary people who came from the four corners of the globe particularly from war torn Europe, some of the world's and Australia's best scientists geologists and engineers and the finest men and women who dug and tunnelled Australia into hydro electricity history and many of the children of these families have gone on to great things both in this country and across the world.

From the time of the first blast to last nut being tightened this was an extraordinary period in the development of multiculturalism in this country migrants bringing with them few belongings but their culture and drive for a better life. It is a very important part of Australia's story that is for sale

This was a scheme that resumed farmland and flooded beautiful valleys. Compensation was given but farmers became displaced and dreams were stolen however for the sake of electricity and water those displaced accepted and recognised the importance of storing water for the dry land. All that history is now for sale.

The engineering statistics are extraordinary records were broken and men died creating this scheme to enable water to travel backwards and through mountains for miles to generate power or out into the food bowls of New South Wales and Victoria. **Do the governments have the right to sell this incredibly valuable asset to anyone other than Australians who own it anyway?** All of Australia's Water must stay in the hands of the Federal Government only and always it should never be sold.

The irrigators using the waters of the Snowy scheme have a right to feel very nervous about this sale and the guarantee of supply in the future. At least now as demonstrated in the protracted Snowy River release saga it was possible to negotiate with governments for some outcome and a little more flow what sort of negotiation will there be on any water related issues when the CEO of the purchaser will be pleasing his shareholders first.

The Snowy Mountains Authority was lead so successfully by the most exceptional man Sir William Hudson who oversaw this great project virtually to fruition the success continues within the Snowy Corporation as it is now, very successful very profitable and a very important member of the communities within and surrounding the entire scheme as it

always has been. What will the community involvement be in the hands of shareholders some off shore? Will the Snowy Hydro sponsored. Helicopter still be flying to Tumut and beyond?

This is an emotive issue for all who grew up on the "Snowy", but for not just for the people of the Tumut valley the upper Murray and Monaro but for all Australians it should never be sold, it is a bastard of decision which must be overturned.