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

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SELECT COMMITTEE

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SNOWY HYDRO

Re. Inquiry into the continued public ownership of Snowy Hydro Limited [SHL]

I have no expertise in electricity or water but am an Australian and therefore an owner in Snowy Hydro Ltd. [SHL]. I have visited the scheme and walked in the national parks.

I do not believe that there should be a committee appointed for any type of inquiry into SHL. The Governments have reportable spent 20 million dollars of taxpayers money trying to force a sale of our property SHL. Don't spend any more of our money wastefully.

[a] The Government is not a corporation and profits and revenues should not be its primary motivation. Governments are the caretakers of the Peoples house [Australia], caretakers don't sell the furniture. Things that collectively affect all the people should be what the Government is there to caretake, health education communication transport electricity water defence, etc.

[b] The SHL is the only power generating centre on the mainland that can almost instantly commence electricity generation and similarly shut down, so efficiency is no problem. It's GREEN in that it is non polluting and renewable. As for revenue and recurrent costs it would not matter if at the end of each year the SHL was only one dollar in the black, as long as maintenance and future requirements were budgeted for. The electricity would have been generated and used, products made, people warmed, taxes paid. That is what a public utility is. The SHL scheme has the ability to return water from the lower level to the upper level renewing its energy. This ability has great possibilities in the future as wind and solar become larger generators. Excess energy from these sources can be used to lift the water in SHL scheme and thus become a battery for night time.

[c] There would already be regulation for control of water.

[d] If the SHL has a valid reason to control access to lands then what is the problem.

[e,f] Disused Hydro infrastructure in National Parks. If it is not hazardous leave it there. I might be strange but on my walks in the Snowy area it was a joy to come across relics of gold mining and human endeavour, pause for a moment and ponder, what it was like then, how did it get here, what it might have been. No leave it there or heritage list it.

[g] Other related matters. No matter how large the pot of gold, the sale would be too cheap. The SHL can not be replaced and the caretaker of the day knows this but is blinded by the instant wealth it can have access too. It is better to build one brick at a time as along the way you might think of a better idea, thank you. C Dunn.

