

**Submission
No 44**

PROPOSED SALE OF SNOWY HYDRO LIMITED

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Theme:

Summary

Submission to sale of SMT RECEIVED

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I saw your ad in the Australian
I am concerned that if the Snowy Mtns Hydro is
sold access to unusual parts of the mountains
may be denied in 20 years time.

For example, at present ^{even foot} access is ^{officially} ~~presently~~ officially
denied across the bridge downstream of
Island Bend ~~Dam~~ ^{Dam}. Why this is I have no
idea. On the other side of the river are
a couple of aqueducts so there is no reason
for the "No pedestrian access" sign except
perhaps so the Snowy Authority doesn't get
sued.

Currently only a few intrepid walkers
(maybe 10) per year go this way (it
provides a challenging route to Green Knob
and Tin Hut for example) and

2.

The SMA turns a blind eye to this "trespass" - after all they are not doing any harm.

If SMA is sold the new company director will be compelled by law to put profits first. He will ask for a gate and fence to be constructed on the bridge to stop people walking on the ~~br~~ road bridge tripping over and suing the company. Bushwalkers will then be forced to wade across the very deep river (a very dangerous - almost impossible - undertaking) effectively making this part of the N.P. off limits except to the private company.

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In summary all SMA assets

eg aqueducts, bridges, weirs

must ~~be~~ ^{remain} accessible to all

foot and ski traffic by law.

This is especially true for bridges