

**Submission  
No 1**

**INQUIRY INTO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND  
ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (SNOWY 2.0 AND  
TRANSMISSION PROJECT) ORDER 2018**

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Dear Madam/Sir

**NSW Inquiry into Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment  
(Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project) Order 2018**

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the current inquiry into the Snowy 2.0 inclusion within the SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011 as 'Critical State significant infrastructure'.

Although the SEPP has been amended to apply to land within the Yass Valley Local Government Area, Council was not advised of the intention to do so. It is presumed that works within the Yass Valley will relate to new transmission lines, however we have not been provided with details of the proposed works, nor cadastral details of the alignment options.

Because this development will be considered 'Critical State significant infrastructure', Council has no role in the approval process under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. The Minister is the approval authority in this case. This means there is a risk that Council will have no opportunity for input into reviewing the likely biodiversity impacts of the development. It is hoped that the location of Snowy 2.0 infrastructure will avoid the regional biodiversity corridors identified within the NSW South East and Tablelands Regional Plan and any offsets from the development will be focussed on those areas.

It is also unclear whether Yass Valley and its neighbouring Council's will be able to request the establishment of a Community Enhancement Fund from the project under this SEPP, or whether Heavy Haulage Development Contributions will be payable in the event that spoil from the scheme is transported to or through the Yass Valley, or there is significant construction activity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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