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**Subject: SNOWY HYDRO AND SNOWY RIVER SHIRE COUNCIL WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE BOAT ACCESS TO LAKE EUCUMBENE.**

Snowy Hydro Limited, together with the Snowy River Shire Council and local stakeholders have worked together to improve boat launching facilities at Lake Eucumbene.

With boat launching sites around Lake Eucumbene being affected by low lake levels due to the prolonged drought and very low inflows, Snowy Hydro Limited and Snowy River Shire Council (SRSC) have actively worked together to establish a boat launching area at Denison Street at Old Adaminaby.

This project involves the removal of silt material from the original roadway surface and establishing an all weather access, parking and turning area.

The project is being managed by the Snowy River Shire Council using local civil contractor, Richard McMahon with funds for the project being provided by Snowy Hydro Limited.

The Denison Street boat ramp will be inspected weekly while lake levels continue to drop. Some additional work will be done over the summer period if needed to keep the boat ramp surface clear of mud and silt.

Rob Burns, Community Relations Manager for Snowy Hydro said, "we understand that boat access is an important factor in tourism to the region, especially in summer and Snowy Hydro is pleased to have provided a solution with Snowy River Shire"

Mr Burns added, " Snowy Hydro undertook an exhaustive process to identify what would be the best location to upgrade access to ensure boats could still be launched and the Denison Street site was identified as the a most suitable long term solution."

Ken Lister "Executive Officer for Snowy Hydro said, "we financially supported the Denison Street Boat ramp project because this site will still provide an effective boat access point for the lake while levels continue to fall. Additionally, the Denison Street ramp is a public, central location to both local residents and visitors to the region."

At the announcement of the project this week, Mr Mick McKenzie from NSW Maritime acknowledged Snowy Hydro Limited's contribution to this project in the interests of the local community. Additionally NSW Maritime would be speaking to the local community and Shire Council about additional grant funding opportunities for a new purpose built boat ramp to be developed to meet the low water levels.

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