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**Subject:** New Era for Snowy Hydro SouthCare

This morning in Canberra, His Excellency, the Governor General of Australia. Major General Michael Jeffery, officially launched the new look Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter Service.

The new helicopter colour scheme incorporates the corporate brand and colours of the major sponsor, Snowy Hydro Limited, who recently committed to a further five years of support valued at \$2.15 million.

The new look Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter was introduced to the public in spectacular fashion, flying in over Canberra this morning before descending over Parliament House, with the Governor General and official party onboard to be met by more than 150 guests, waiting media and members of the public.

The Governor General said at the launch "I commend Snowy Hydro Limited's commitment to a new \$2.15 million sponsorship for the service, adding to the 6 years of support already given. It seems to me that the company has made a wise choice that reflects the considerable value adding to ideals that help cultivate stronger community life. It also expresses confidence in our region. To Terry Charlton and his team from Snowy Hydro I commend your company's corporate leadership and values based approach to our regional citizens."

Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Fund Chairman, Mr Len Goodman said "the striking new colour scheme reflects our dynamic corporate partnership with our major sponsor Snowy Hydro Limited.

Mr Goodman added "we have forged a genuine partnership with Snowy Hydro Limited in providing an aero-medical and rescue service "par excellence" for our region. It gives new meaning to the phenomenon of good corporate citizenship. Our partnership has transcended those heights. Together we work to ensure a service that we hope none of us will ever need but will always be there if we do"

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Snowy Hydro Limited, Mr Terry Charlton, said "we are delighted to continue this very important and genuine partnership. Our support and commitment to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Service is an undeniable demonstration of our continued commitment to the region and to our local communities."

Mr Charlton added "Our support and sponsorship of the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter Service is a beacon and focus of our commitment to health and safety, not just of our employees but for all who reside or visit the region".

Mr David Marshall, Director of the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Fund was Master of Ceremonies where awards were presented to Fred and Pam Fawke for their donation as part of the "Angels Program", and the ACTTAB Agents Association who donated \$28,000 for the purchase of medical equipment for the helicopter. This award was received by ACTTAB Vice President, Mr Steven McLean.

Snowy Hydro Limited was also presented with an award by the Governor General of Australia, His Excellency, Major General Michael Jeffery, for outstanding support to the community.

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