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Subject: Snowy Hydro and Snowy River Shire Council establish Joint Technical Working Group

Snowy Hydro Limited and Snowy River Shire Council announced yesterday the establishment of a Joint Technical Working Group to examine options for the ongoing water supply to townships presently supplied from Lake Jindabyne.

Snowy Hydro spokesperson, Paul Johnson said: "The Joint Technical Working Group is purely a precautionary measure being undertaken by Snowy Hydro and Snowy River Shire Council to ensure the continual water supply to townships should the current severe drought conditions continue."

The Joint Technical Working Group will look at various options including the lowering of town water pumps and remedial works to ensure the ongoing supply of water to townships that source their water from Lake Jindabyne.

Snowy Scheme water storages, including Lake Jindabyne have steadily decreased over the last 10 years due to the impact of the drought and below average water inflows.

Snowy River Shire Council spokesperson, Paul Wansbrough said: "While there is no immediate threat to town water supplies we must act prudently and formulate options in case the current drought conditions continue."

Up to date information on Snowy Scheme water resources such as lake levels, inflows and releases into local rivers can be obtained from the Snowy Hydro website at www.snowyhydro.com.au