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**Subject:** Snowy Hydro helps Threatened Species Recovery

## **SNOWY HYDRO HELPS THREATENED SPECIES RECOVERY**

Last week Snowy Hydro Limited assisted the Mountain Pygmy Possum and Southern Corroboree Frog recovery programs by presenting cheques of over \$2,000 to Dr Linda Broome and Dr Dave Hunter from the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW).

The cheques were from the proceeds of sales of the possum and frog soft toys throughout Snowy Hydro's Visitor Information Centres located in the Snowy Mountains.

The presentation was held at the DECCW Office in Queanbeyan. Dr Broome and Dr Hunter, DECCW Threatened Species Officers, accepted the cheques and were very grateful for the assistance towards the possum and frog recovery.

Dr Broome commented that DECCW was very appreciative of the commitment and support from Snowy Hydro and is hopeful that their generosity will encourage similar contributions from others in the corporate sector.

Snowy Hydro's Manager Environment, Mick Griffiths, presented Dr Broome & Dr Hunter with Snowy Hydro's contribution.

"Snowy Hydro is very proud to be associated with DECCW in providing funds towards the recovery of these local endangered species," said Mr Griffiths.

"We have a long term commitment to environmental initiatives in the Kosciuszko region and this donation to the recovery programs is just one of those initiatives that demonstrates our commitment to our fellow stakeholders in the region."

Snowy Hydro initiated the Soft Toy Fundraising Program in March 2002. So far over \$34,000 has been generated from sponsorship and sales of the soft toys and donated towards their recovery programs.

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