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**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
**Subject:** **Snowy Hydro announces new 5 year \$2.5 million sponsorship of Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter**

At the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Gala Ball held at the National Convention Centre on Saturday night, Snowy Hydro Limited Managing Director, Mr Terry Charlton, announced a new 5 year, major sponsorship contract worth \$2.5 million.

Mr Terry Charlton said, at the function, attended by more than 500 people: "There could be no better way to demonstrate our deep commitment to the region and our local communities right across the Snowy Mountains, South East NSW and the ACT than to continue our significant financial support of the region's rescue helicopter service."

Mr Charlton added: "we have been a major sponsor of the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter for 11 years, committing now over \$7million to the service, which has performed over 4,200 missions. There could be no greater demonstration of the benefit of having a growing, successful Snowy Hydro in the local community than our commitment to provide significant future funding to the service."

Chairman of Snowy Hydro SouthCare, Mr David Marshall said on the evening: "I sincerely thank Snowy Hydro Limited for their significant and ongoing commitment to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter. This new \$2.5 million contract is an overwhelming example of Snowy Hydro's commitment to the region and all local communities. We are proud to continue our partnership with Snowy Hydro Limited".

Snowy Hydro is now the second longest serving current sponsor of any rescue helicopter service in Australia and only behind Westpac. Snowy Hydro has supported the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter longer than Telstra has supported ChildFlight and NRMA, who recently ended their association with Careflight.

New local State MP Mr John Barilaro and ACT Minister for Emergency Services Simon Corbell also attended the announcement thanking Snowy Hydro for this extended commitment and also paying special tribute to the skilled pilots, doctors and paramedics and ground crew who undertake and support the life saving missions.

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