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## An open letter to the region from Snowy Hydro

Snowy Hydro has been a vital part of the Snowy region for generations and we will remain so following our listing on the Australian Stock Exchange.

This listing won't change the water entitlements or our company's commitment to the local community.

The entitlements to the water in the Scheme will continue to be held by the people of NSW and Victoria. Access to streams and dams for fishing and recreation will be unaffected.

A careful balance was struck at corporatisation in 2002, specifying water for environmental flows, irrigation and hydro-electricity. Snowy Hydro's legally binding water licence requires the company to make annual releases into the Snowy, Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers over the next 72 years.

Snowy Hydro currently employs about 400 people and its head office is in Cooma. We will remain here and, if anything, the listing will allow the company to expand through further strategic investments.

Snowy Hydro will remain part of the local community and the listing will allow us to be a stronger, more competitive Australian company.



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