

Snowy 2.0 - watch the latest project update video



Check out this Snowy 2.0 project update and our fleet of custom-built concrete segment trucks that have been designed with, well, a truckload of safety features. At Snowy Hydro we are always looking for ways to improve safety outcomes and we're proud in this video to be showcasing the key safety innovations of these regionally-manufactured trucks.

Did you know the project is greatly reducing its overall heavy vehicle movements on the Snowy Mountains Highway by transporting in a single load, nine of the seventonne segments that are used to line the tunnels for Snowy 2.0? A standard semitrailer would only be able to carry three segments at a time.

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The snow that falls in the Snowy Mountains is ultimately destined for Snowy Hydro's large reservoirs, where it will be used to generate clean, renewable energy.

**Clockwise from top**: Snowy 2.0's Tantangara construction site and surrounds under snowfall; dawn at Cabramurra; Tantangara; Marica surge shaft site for Snowy 2.0; snow-covered car after an overnight dump.

# Driving home road safety to the next generation

Snowy Hydro is committed to ensuring the next generation of locals are equipped with the skills and knowledge to help keep them safe on the roads, with the long-running Young Driver Program playing a crucial role.

For four years Snowy Hydro has partnered with Driving Solutions to provide local students with young driver training. Recently, about 275 local young people participated in the program, which helps prepare Learner and Provisional drivers for the driving conditions they face on Snowy Mountains roads.

Since its inception in 2002, the Snowy Hydro Young Driver Program has provided more than 1,600 local students with the opportunity to improve their driving skills and become safer drivers. You can read more here.



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Snowy Hydro teams regularly investigate ways new technology can enhance existing operations, from digital engineering tools to remotely operated weather measurement systems.

One recent trial utilising scanning technology and autonomous vehicles could pave the way for sophisticated remote inspections across certain Snowy assets. Australian technology company Emesent, a world leader in drone autonomy, LiDAR mapping and data analytics, recently visited the Snowy Scheme to test a series of scenarios using a Boston Dynamics robotic dog.

Emesent's locallydeveloped Hovermap LiDaR scanning hardware combines scans of the physical environment with drones and robotic vehicles that can navigate themselves around the real world with minimal operator involvement.

The robotic dog, named Spot, demonstrated impressive skills by climbing several sets of stairs inside Tumut 2 Power Station. An initial scan of the area allowed the operator to set waypoints for Spot and then control its progress remotely from the floor above. In confined spaces, a camera can be attached to Spot's back to capture imagery, or a manipulating arm connected to open doors, turn valves or pull levers.

The trials gave the Snowy team the opportunity to understand Hovermap's capabilities and explore the potential for a business case towards greater safety and productivity using platforms and drones. Following a debrief of Spot's performance during the trials, the Snowy and Emesent teams will be able to work together to adapt the solutions and provide input to Hovermap's product development roadmap.



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