

31 May 2023

NSW Department of Planning & Environment  
Director Resource Assessments  
Attention: Steve O'Donoghue

Dear Steve,

**SSI 12590060 – Hunter Power Project: Snowy Hydro's Response to the April 2023  
Independent Environmental Audit findings**

Ken Holmes of Barnett & May was engaged by Snowy Hydro to conduct the April 2023 Independent Audit of the Hunter Power Project as required by Conditions C15 to C19.

The audit, undertaken in accordance with the Department's Independent Audit Post Approval Guidelines (May 2020), covered the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 March 2023 and identified and two Administrative non-compliances. The Independent Environmental Audit Report dated 30 May 2023 is attached.

The first Administrative non-compliance relates to Condition C20a (vii) which requires that a summary of the current phase and progress of the development must be made publicly available on the project website. While there is a Progress and Approval page on the website, the audit finding was that the information on this page was not up to date. Hunter Power Project staff will continue to work with the Snowy Hydro corporate Engagement and Community Team to have the information made current and updated as required.

The second Administrative non-compliance relates to Condition C15 which requires that Independent Audits of the development be carried out in accordance with the current version of the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (IAPAR). The audit finding was that, despite the audit being commissioned within the 26 week time frame specified by the IAPAR, it was not commenced within this period. Snowy Hydro will endeavour to ensure that all future audits are commenced within the timeframes specified in the IAPAR.

Yours sincerely,

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