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## Submission to the 10 year Review of the Snowy Water Licence

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To the Department of  
Primary Industries,

I am writing a submission

to the 10 year review of the Snowy Water Licence. I work as a tour operator, running ecotours along the Snowy River based on the Snowy Hydro Release Schedule.

I support completing

the Mowambah investigation. The

Mowambah Weir holds back the flow of the Moonbah River, the only true alpine stream that could form a key tributary of the Snowy below Jindabyne dam. The NSW Government undertook to investigate the release of these waters to create an unregulated tributary

during the 2007 Snowy Licence Review. It has still not provided a report, 11 years later. This would deliver improvement to temperatures, dissolved organic carbon and dissolved silica to the Snowy. Ultimately I would like to see the removal of the Mowambah

Weir to allow the Snowy to have a natural head water.

I also would hope that

our tourism industry could play a bigger part in how water is allocated. This year we had to cancel numerous trips due to lack of environmental flows into the Snowy River. Much of the water released by Snowy Hydro is released in winter when it is too cold to raft. We also require an absolute minimum of 300 Megalitres per day to be released into the Snowy River to be able to run a paddling trip. This has limited our businesses ability to run on the Snowy River this financial year to September, October and November.

If the Department of Primary Industries took our tourism business and minimum required flows into account we could have a much larger tourism industry on the Snowy River.

Thanks and warm regards,



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