

Snowy Water Licence Review  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Snowy Mountain Water Licence Review Submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Snowy Mountain Water Licence Review.

The National Parks Association of NSW (NPA) is a community-based organisation with over 20,000 supporters from rural, remote and urban areas across the state. The NPA promotes nature conservation and evidence-based natural resource management. We have particular interest in the protection of the State's biodiversity and supporting ecological services, both within and outside of the formal conservation reserve system.

NPA is concerned that the review outcomes continue to support the environmental objectives of increased flow requirements under Schedule 3, Part 2, Section 5 of the Licence, namely:

- (1) improving the temperature regime of river water;
- (2) achieving channel maintenance and flushing flows within rivers;
- (3) restoring connectivity within rivers for migratory species and for dispersion;
- (4) improving triggers for fish spawning; and
- (5) improving the aesthetics of currently degraded riverine environments.

This applies equally to administrative obligations under the Licence. NPA believes that any changes to these obligations must improve both the ability of the regulator to monitor compliance with the Licence and achievement of the environmental objectives as facilitated through the role of the Water Consultation and Liaison Committee.

NPA notes that Gippsland Environment Group has made a detailed submission to the review and supports its recommendations.

Yours sincerely



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