



## The Hon Niall Blair MLC

Minister for Primary Industries  
Minister for Lands and Water

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The Hon John Barilaro MP  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Regional Development  
Minister for Skills  
Minister for Small Business  
Member for Monaro  
213 Crawford Street  
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Dear Deputy Premier

*John*

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2016 on behalf of Ms Vickii Wallace, President, Dalgety District and Community Association, and Mr John Gallard, Chairman, Snowy River Alliance, regarding the management of environmental water in the Snowy River.

The NSW Government is currently reviewing the governance arrangements for environmental water management in the Snowy Mountains. At present, the Department of Primary Industry (DPI) - Water manages the operational environmental water delivery to Snowy Mountains waterways. However, in order to implement a more contemporary arrangement, this function, and Snowy Water Initiative (SWI) staff, are being transferred to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH will also be responsible for the management of the Snowy Advisory Committee (SAC), as it is the lead agency managing environmental water committees in NSW. OEH will establish the SAC, once administrative arrangements for the SWI have been finalised. This new management arrangement is expected to improve the condition of the Snowy and Snowy Montane Rivers in coming years.

Should Ms Wallace or Mr Gallard have any further enquiries about this matter, they should contact Dr Christobel Ferguson, Group Director, Water Information and Insights, at DPI Water's Parramatta Office on (02) 8838 7533.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely 23 DEC 2016

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