



JOINT STATEMENT

Working with the fishing community

Snowy Hydro continues to work closely with the recreational fishing community to minimise issues associated with the possible transfer of redfin perch between reservoirs by the Snowy 2.0 pumped-hydro project.

Snowy Hydro and the Monaro Acclimatisation Society have agreed to work together to look at practical ways to safeguard the trout fishery at Tantangara Reservoir, in response to concerns about the potential movement of redfin from Talbingo Reservoir to Tantangara should the fish or larvae survive the trip through the power station's turbines and 27km of high pressure waterway tunnels.

While the risk of redfin surviving the extremely severe conditions within the system are very low, Snowy Hydro is continuing to work hard to manage the risk and consult with key stakeholders. Managing the Snowy Scheme's reservoirs and ensuring they remain available for recreational fishing is a priority and benefits the region.

Snowy Hydro continues to work with the NSW Government and world-leading fish researchers to understand what the risk of redfin transfer from Talbingo to Tantangara is, and how it could be managed if it actually happened in the future when Snowy 2.0 is operational.

One of the practical ideas being considered between Snowy Hydro and the Monaro Acclimatisation Society is for some kind of trout grow-out activity. There is evidence elsewhere that growing trout out to a bigger size allows them to withstand attack from redfin.

A trout grow-out means the reservoirs can continue to provide a good fishing experience despite redfin incursion and would help restock the lakes.

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