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Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (Snowy Advisory Committee) Bill 2013

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997* to establish the Snowy Advisory Committee to advise the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation each year on the timing and pattern for the release of water for environmental reasons under the Snowy water licence. The Snowy Advisory Committee replaces the Snowy Scientific Committee, which is to be dissolved by the proposed Act.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997 No 99**

Schedule 1 [2] constitutes the Snowy Advisory Committee and makes provision in relation to the Committee's function, membership and procedure. The Committee is subject to the control and direction of the Minister.

Schedule 1 [4] dissolves the Snowy Scientific Committee and provides that members of that Committee cease to hold office and are not entitled to any remuneration or compensation on ceasing to hold office.

Schedule 1 [1] is consequential on the dissolution of the Snowy Scientific Committee.

Schedule 1 [3] enables savings or transitional regulations to be made as a consequence of the proposed Act.

**Schedule 2 Consequential amendment of Local Land
Services Act 2013 No 51**

Schedule 2 omits uncommenced amendments relating to the Snowy Scientific Committee that will be redundant as a result of the proposed Act.



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No. , 2013

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997* to constitute the Snowy Advisory Committee and to specify its function; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (Snowy Advisory Committee) Act 2013</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.	6

Schedule 1	Amendment of Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997 No 99	1
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[1] Section 27 Public consultation on review or variation of licence		3
Omit section 27 (2) (b) and the last sentence of section 27 (2).		4
[2] Section 57		5
Omit the section. Insert instead:		6
57 Snowy Advisory Committee		7
(1) There is established by this Act the Snowy Advisory Committee (the <i>Committee</i>).		8 9
(2) The function of the Committee is to advise the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation each year on the timing and pattern for the release of water for environmental reasons under the Snowy water licence.		10 11 12
(3) The Committee is to consist of:		13
(a) at least 6 members appointed by the Minister, and		14
(b) a member appointed by the Minister who is by the instrument of appointment to be appointed as Chairperson of the Committee.		15 16
(4) The membership of the Committee is to comprise the following:		17
(a) at least 2 members must be community representatives,		18
(b) of the community representatives, 2 are to be nominated by a Minister of the State of Victoria,		19 20
(c) at least 1 member must be a representative of environmental interest groups,		21 22
(d) at least 1 member must be a representative of Aboriginal interests,		23
(e) at least 1 member must be a representative of the government of the State of New South Wales,		24 25
(f) at least 1 member must be a representative of the government of the State of Victoria.		26 27
(5) The regulations may make provision with respect to the membership of the Committee.		28 29
(6) A member of the Committee holds office for such period (not exceeding 3 years) as is specified in the member's instrument of appointment, but is eligible (if otherwise qualified) for re-appointment.		30 31 32
(7) The Committee is subject to the control and direction of the Minister in the exercise of its function, except in relation to the contents of any advice given by it.		33 34 35
(8) A member may resign from office, or may be removed from office by the Minister with the approval of the person or body that nominated the member for appointment.		36 37 38
(9) The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Committee and for the conduct of business at those meetings is, subject to this section and the regulations, to be as determined by the Committee.		39 40 41
(10) Unless otherwise provided by the regulations, the quorum for a meeting of the Committee is a majority of the members for the time being.		42 43

[3] Schedule 4 Savings, transitional and other provisions	1
Insert at the end of clause 1 (1):	2
any Act that amends this Act	3
[4] Schedule 4	4
Insert at the end of the Schedule with appropriate Part and clause numbering:	5
Part Provision consequent on enactment of Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (Snowy Advisory Committee) Act 2013	6 7 8
Dissolution of Snowy Scientific Committee	9
(1) On the commencement of this clause:	10
(a) the body corporate established by this Act as the Snowy Scientific Committee is dissolved, and	11 12
(b) any assets, rights and liabilities of the Snowy Scientific Committee become the assets, rights and liabilities of the Crown, and	13 14
(c) each person appointed as a member of the Snowy Scientific Committee ceases to hold office as such a member.	15 16
(2) A person who ceases to hold office as a member of the Snowy Scientific Committee is not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that office.	17 18 19
(3) A reference in any other Act, or in any instrument of any kind (including any contract or agreement), to the Snowy Scientific Committee is to be construed as a reference to the Snowy Advisory Committee.	20 21 22

Schedule 2	Consequential amendment of Local Land Services Act 2013 No 51	1
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Schedule 7 Amendment of Acts and regulations		3
Omit Schedule 7.46.		4