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Minister for Finance

Snowy Hydro Limited (Snowy Hydro) – Update on Snowy 2.0 cost and schedule reset

Minister's action due by: 4 September 2026. Brief is for noting only.

Recommendation:

That you **note** the status of the Snowy 2.0 cost and schedule reassessment.

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Katy Gallagher

Key Issues:

1. The Snowy 2.0 cost reassessment remains outstanding and is ongoing. Snowy Hydro expects to finalise the cost reassessment process by the end of September 2026. This would allow for publication of cost and schedule outcomes as part of the 2025-26 Annual Report, which is required to be provided to Shareholder Ministers by 30 September 2026.

   (a) Public announcement of the cost outcome could coincide with the tabling of the Annual Report in Parliament in mid-October 2026, or earlier in October.

   (b) The previous expectation was that the cost outcome would be announced as part of the 2025-26 Public Corporate Plan by 31 August 2026 (MC26-002326).

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2. Shareholder departments received draft board papers relating to the cost reassessment from Snowy Hydro on 25 August 2026. Finance has commenced its review of these documents and is expecting to also receive a revised business case for Snowy 2.0, which will provide detail on the project's updated Net Present Value. Finance has also requested more granular information on the drivers for cost increases, which Snowy Hydro is preparing.

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Financial Implications:

11. N/A

Background:

12. On 3 October 2025, Snowy Hydro publicly announced the $12 billion cost target was no longer achievable and that a full cost reassessment would be completed within 9 months, along with a schedule reassessment of the December 2028 completion date.

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Consultation:

15. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Attachments:
N/A

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