

Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme (1959)

NARRATOR: The Tumut Pond Dam, 290 feet high and 715 feet long, controlling the flow of four rivers. Behind this mighty wall is held the water which will be used to make power a thousand feet below the ground.

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The water gushes from the dam to vertical pressure shafts, and it will produce enough electricity to supply the whole of the south-west of New South Wales.

The Snowy Scheme is now producing almost 20% of this winter's estimated maximum demand on the interconnected power systems of New South Wales and Victoria.

All this, plus water for irrigation, a mighty project being completed well ahead of schedule.