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Senator Carr asked:

Senator KIM CARR: That is exactly right. I just want to be clear on what the feasibility study covered from your perspective?

Mr Kay: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Could I get that on notice please: what you believe the details are of what the feasibility study covers? Because you have already taken on notice what paperwork was provided to you.

Mr Kay: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.

Answer:

The documents submitted by Snowy Hydro to ARENA during the period to 13 March 2017 included:

- Project Application: a 10 page submission as completed via the ARENA submission portal (ARENAnet)
- Project plan document: a 41 page pdf document outlining the proposed feasibility and proposed project.
- Summary application: a one page document with Applicant details

The Project Plan document contents page is summarised as follows:

1. Introduction and purpose
2. Overview of the Snowy Hydro Scheme
3. The scale and feasibility of PHES augmentation opportunities
4. Commercial and economic overview of PHES in the Scheme
5. Feasibility Study objectives, checklist and responsibilities
6. Feasibility Study timetable including approval hurdles and process
7. Feasibility Study cost and budget
8. Selecting advisers and consultants for Feasibility Study + PHES Project
9. Owner's team
10. PHES Project funding strategy
11. Feasibility Study and PHES Project risk assessment
12. Appendices
 - a. Potential consultants list and contact details
 - b. Document checklist and progress
 - c. Project team contact details
 - d. ARENA Knowledge Sharing