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Fuel Tanker Crash at West Wyalong

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter is currently assisting the driver of a fuel tanker that crashed near West Wyalong earlier this morning. The patient was initially transported by NSW Ambulance to the West Wyalong Hospital. Due to the extent of his injuries which include severe burns and a head injury, the patient will be transported to Concord Hospital in Sydney after the helicopter refuels in Cowra.

This is just one of over 2,900 missions that have been completed by Snowy Hydro SouthCare since its start in 1998. The Service is the primary provider of aero-medical and rescue helicopter service in the Australian Capital Territory and southeastern New South Wales. Snowy Hydro SouthCare provides the community with the highest standard of aero-medical and rescue helicopter services by flying directly to the scene of an accident to transport critical patients; transferring patients with urgent specialized medical needs from one hospital to another; and non-medical missions including search and rescue and assisting the Bushfire Service with aerial fire-fighting.

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