



Ms Lynelle Briggs Chair Planning Assessment Commission GPO Box 3415 Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Briggs Lynelle

Springvale Mine Extension Project MOD 1 (SSD 5594 MOD 1)

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of a modification application for the Springvale Mine Extension Project.

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the application is referred to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination, as there were more than 25 objections to the proposal.

During the exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS), the Department received a total of 96 submissions, including 8 from public authorities, 5 from special interest groups and 83 from the general public.

None of the government agencies object to the proposal.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

For further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Mr Clay Preshaw, A/Director Resource Assessments, on (02) 9274 6349.

Yours sincerely

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