

## NSW Planning Assessment Commission Determination: Springvale Mine Extension Project (SSD 5594 MOD 1)

19 April 2017

Springvale Coal (the Applicant) sought consent to modify the existing development consent for the Springvale Mine Extension Project (Project) to increase the mine's coal production from 4.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 5.5 Mtpa and increase the mine's workforce from 310 to 450 personnel. The Applicant also sought to increase the capacity of the coal stockpile from 85,000 tonnes to 200,000 tonnes by extending the coal stockpile footprint by 0.3 hectares. The modification does not increase the mining area or amount of coal to be extracted.

The Commission determined that the modification will not impact on the quantity of water inflow and water discharged. The Commission finds that the proposed changes to water inflows are within the standards assessed and approved under the existing development consent. Furthermore, the water discharged from the Project is likely to only have negligible impacts, managed under the existing development consent, on water quality within Lake Burragorang and Lake Wallace.

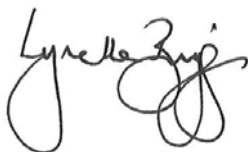
The Commission acknowledges that Springvale Coal's underground mine has directly impacted on swamps within the vicinity of the Project. The Commission is also aware that the impacts are within the range of those assessed under the existing development consent and that the Department and agencies are working with the Applicant to regenerate and offset the impacted swamps. The Commission acknowledges that this modification will not alter any provisions within the consent that will cause further impact to the swamps.

In addition, the Commission notes the Applicant's adaptive management methods and increased attention to monitoring to reduce the environmental impacts of underground mining on nearby swamps. The Commission recognises the Applicant's intention to revise the mine plan and reduce potential impacts on swamps located outside of the project area.


The Commission is satisfied that the modification application benefits outweigh its potential impact, and has determined the modification should be approved.



Ms Abigail Goldberg (Chair)  
Commission Member



Ms Lynelle Briggs AO  
Commission Member



Mr Ross Carter  
Commission Member