

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## PUBLIC MEETING ON SPRINGVALE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY MODIFICATION (SSD-7592-MOD-11)

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The community will be able to have its say at a public meeting on an application by Springvale Coal Pty Ltd, owned by Centennial Coal Company Pty Ltd, to modify its previously approved State significant development application (SSD-7592) for the construction of the Springvale Water Treatment Facility adjacent to the Mount Piper Power Station near Lithgow.

The Springvale Water Treatment Facility was granted development approval in 2017. The modification currently before the Commission seeks approval for the applicant to transfer treated and filtered mine water from the Springvale Water Treatment Facility to the Thompson Creek Reservoir during Mount Piper Power Station outage periods.

The modification application has been referred to the Independent Planning Commission because the applicant has disclosed a reportable political donation, which is one of the standard triggers for referral to the Commission. More than 100 submissions opposing the proposed modification have also been received by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Commissioners Professor Neal Menzies AM and Sarah Dinning have been appointed by the Commission Chair to determine the modification application.

The Commission has access to all previous written submissions made to the Department on the modification, however it is particularly helpful for the Commission Panel to hear the community's views on the most recent information about the application, which is found in the Department's <u>Assessment Report</u> published on the Commission's website.

An online, livestreamed public meeting on Springvale Water Treatment Facility Modification 11 will be held on **Friday, 21 March 2025** commencing at **9:30AM AEDT**, with speakers presenting to the Panel by telephone or video conference. Anyone wishing to present at the public meeting must pre-register on the Commission's website using the <u>Speaker Registration Form</u>. <u>The deadline for speaker registrations is 12:00PM AEDT on Monday, 17 March 2025.</u>

The Commission is also inviting the public to make written submissions which can be lodged via the <u>Make a Submission' form</u>. The Commission will also accept submissions made via post or email. <u>Written submissions will be accepted until 5:00PM on Monday, 24 March 2025.</u>

## Please note

The public meeting is fully virtual and will be livestreamed on the <u>Commission's YouTube channel</u>. Registered speakers will be asked to nominate their preference for presenting at the Public Meeting by dialing in by telephone or video conference (Zoom).