



20 March 2025

Jessie Evans  
Director - Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Jessie,

**Springvale Water Treatment Facility (SSD-7592 MOD 11)  
Questions on Notice**

I refer to the State significant development application for the Springvale Water Treatment Facility (SSD-7592 MOD 11) (**Application**), currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

The Commission is seeking information from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) on the following matters:

- 1) What are the baseline salinity levels for the Thompsons Creek catchment above the influence of coal mining and power generation (median and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile)?
- 2) How and why were the regulatory limits set for releases from the Thompsons Creek Reservoir (as opposed to discharges from the Springvale Water Treatment Facility)?
- 3) Is the Department satisfied that the Applicant's use of 95<sup>th</sup> percentile data for water quality and quantity is appropriate in the context of this Application?

In order to respond to the queries above, please consult as necessary with the Applicant and any relevant government agencies. The Commission requests that the Department provide a response by **5pm on Monday, 24 March 2025**.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Callum Firth at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Barry  
Planning Director