

Our ref: Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 11 (SSD-7592-Mod-11)

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Independent Planning Commission NSW

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Subject: Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 11 - Referral for Determination

Dear Mr Mills

The Department has completed its assessment of Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 11 (SSD-7592-Mod-11, the modification). The modification application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) for determination as the Applicant, Springvale Coal Pty Limited (Springvale Coal), a subsidiary of Centennial Coal Company Limited (Centennial), has made reportable political donation disclosures.

The Springvale Water Treatment Project is located approximately 15 km northwest of Lithgow, adjacent to the Mount Piper Power Station. The modification application seeks to transfer a blend of treated and partially treated mine water to the Thompsons Creek Reservoir during the upcoming outage at the Mount Piper Power Station, scheduled to commence on 1 April 2025.

During the public exhibition, the Department received 143 public submissions. These comprised of 28 submissions in support and 114 submission of objection. The Department also received advice from Lithgow City Council and four State government agencies throughout the assessment. Advice has also been requested from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining. This advice will be provided to the Commission once received.

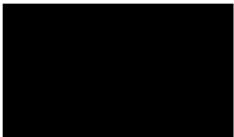
The Department has carried out a detailed assessment of the merits of the Project, having regard to Springvale Coal's project documentation, advice from NSW government agencies, Council and public submissions. The Department has also considered the objects of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* (EP&A Act) and relevant considerations under Section 4.15(1) of the EP&A Act.

The Department found, and WaterNSW agree, that the modification would not have any material or long-term adverse impact on downstream catchment water quality or on drinking water quality in the Sydney drinking water catchment.

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

If you have questions, please contact me on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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