

Our ref: Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 9 - (SSD-7592-Mod-9)

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Subject: Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 9 - Referral for Determination

Dear Professor O’Kane

The Department has completed its assessment of Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 9 - (SSD-7592-Mod-9, the modification). This 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 (Springvale WTP) is located approximately 15 km northwest of Lithgow, adjacent to the Mount Piper Power Station. The modification application seeks to extend the Interim Water Management Strategy at the Springvale WTP for an additional 3 years, until 31 October 2026.

During the public exhibition, the Department received four public submissions. These comprised of three submissions in support and one submission of objection. The Department also received advice from Lithgow City Council and six State government agencies throughout the assessment.

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.

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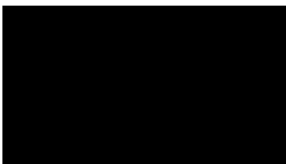


Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the Project's potential impacts are similar in nature and scale to those of the existing operations and can be appropriately managed through existing and proposed conditions of consent

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 (02) 8275 1374 or via email at jessie.evans@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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