

Good morning/ afternoon members of the PAC and the community. Today I would like to discuss with you my views regarding the Springvale Water treatment project. I would like to offer my support for the project and hope that the modifications are granted approval.

Over the last Summer period we have seen the significant demand for base load power generation and have noticed the major downfall with popular renewable energy sources interstate. These sources currently are just not reliable and place major strain on our State and National electrical supply Network when they fail.

With Mount Piper PowerStation generating 15% of the NSW electricity supply and the recognition of Springvale being one of the only feasible mines to supply coal for generation. Not allowing the continued operation of Springvale Coal, while implementing the Springvale Water Treatment project will have a detrimental affect locally and Nationally.

Taking away the contribution Mount Piper makes to the supply Network and taking into consideration, that other power stations have been taken out of service the Net supply of electricity will be reduced and the juggle for energy during peak periods in the future will become harder to maintain. Price rises during these extreme usage periods will be unavoidable and no doubt the end user will suffer the price or lack of reliable energy.

Not only is Springvale an important piece in generating base load electricity for NSW, it offers a substantial amount of assistance within the local Community.

Springvale coal has offered over the years a great deal of sponsorship and donations to Charity organisations, hospitals and sporting groups. This generosity would certainly prevent a lot of the events organised by the recipients from going ahead or reaching the intended groups of people struggling.

If the Springvale water treatment project Mod 2 did not receive approval, it would mean the workforce employed directly by Springvale would have no place of work due to the conditions placed on the life of mine approval. This would certainly have a catastrophic affect on the towns economic position and the flow on affect would be terrible.

We need to see the Springvale water treatment project progress and the continuity of mining and power generation with in the Lithgow District.

Please I urge you when passing down your determination, see a favourable outcome for the town of Lithgow and help keep the lights on.

Thank you

David Reid