

Our ref: Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 10 - (SSD-7592-Mod-10) & Western Coal Services Modification 6 – (SSD-5579-Mod-6)

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**Subject: Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 10 & Western Coal Services Modification 6 – (SSD-5579-Mod-6) - Referral for Determination**

Dear Professor O’Kane

The Department has completed its combined assessment of Springvale Water Treatment Project Modification 10 and Western Coal Services Modification 6 – (SSD-7592-Mod-10 and SSD-5579-Mod-6 respectively, the modifications). This modification applications are 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 (SWTP) and Western Coal Services site are located approximately 15 km northwest of Lithgow. The modification applications seek to increase residual waste transfer volumes between the SWTP to the Western Coal Services reject emplacement area via the Residuals Transfer Pipeline.

During the public exhibition, the Department received one public submission in objection. The Department also received advice from Lithgow City Council and four State government agencies throughout the assessment.

The Department has carried out a detailed assessment of the merits of the modifications, having regard to Springvale Coal’s project documentation, advice from NSW government agencies, Council and public submissions. The Department has also considered the objects

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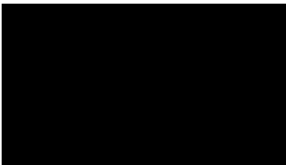
of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* (EP&A Act) and relevant considerations under Section 4.15(1) of the EP&A Act.

Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the modifications 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](mailto:jessie.evans@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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