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Dear Mr Phillips

I refer to an email from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's (DPI) dated 9 October 2012 seeking comments on Springvale Coal Pty Limited's (Springvale) modification to Development Consent S91/06569/001 for the construction and operation of an additional dewatering facility within the Newnes Plateau State Forest.

The Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with this project and is satisfied that the proposed construction and daily operation of the Bore 8 dewatering facility can be managed in such a way as to have negligible impacts on the environment with respect to air, noise and surface water quality. The EPA supports the relevant commitments summarised in Table 34 in section 8.0 of the EA. The EPA is also aware that Centennial Coal has successfully constructed, operated and rehabilitated similar groundwater dewatering sites on the Newnes Plateau in recent years.

No modifications to Springvale Coal's environment protection licence 3607 will be required in the event that this project is approved by DPI.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter please contact Andrew Helms at the Bathurst Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6332 7604.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Clift'.

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