

Appendix - E



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Dear Mr Kitto,

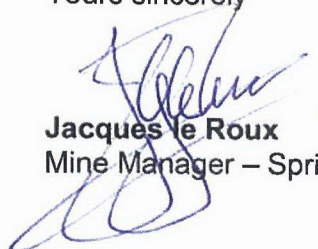
Re: Springvale Colliery Modification (DA 11/92)

Centennial Springvale Pty Ltd (Centennial Springvale) is seeking to modify the Springvale Colliery development consent (DA 11/92) subject to Section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) to allow for the extraction of up to 4.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) from the existing operations at Springvale Colliery. Under the development consent, production at Springvale Colliery is limited to 3.4 Mtpa of ROM coal. The increase in production will be predominantly achieved through the installation and operation of new generation mining equipment and the implementation of other operational practices to achieve greater utilization of the equipment. A small increase in the total employment on site will be required to facilitate the operation of an additional continuous miner. The proposed modification does not require any other changes to the existing mine operation to achieve this increase in production. Centennial Springvale considers that the project is not a radical transformation of the original development consent and as such can be considered under Section 75W of the EP&A Act.

Centennial Springvale has considered the environmental risks of the project and believe that air, noise, greenhouse gas, effluent treatment and traffic are the only potential impacts requiring further consideration in an Environmental Assessment. I have attached Centennial Springvale's proposed content of the Environmental Assessment for your consideration (see Attachment 1 to this letter). Could you please advise if you agree with the proposed scope of the Environmental Assessment or advise of any additional elements you believe require further consideration.

If you have any questions or require further information in regards to the proposed modification please contact me on (02) 6350 1613 or Mary-Anne Crawford on (02) 4935 8918.

Yours sincerely


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Attachment 1

Proposed Content of Environmental Assessment

General Requirements

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the modification will meet the form and content requirements in Clauses 6 and 7 of Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

In addition, the EA will include a:

- detailed description of the proposed modification, including the:
 - need for the proposal;
 - justification for the proposal, including alternatives considered, efficiency of resource recovery, mine safety, and environmental protection;
 - likely staging of the proposal - including construction, operational stage/s and rehabilitation;
 - likely interactions between the proposal and existing, approved and proposed mining operations in the vicinity of the site; and
 - plans of any proposed building works;
- consideration of all relevant environmental planning instruments, including identification and justification of any inconsistencies with these instruments;
- risk assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the development, identifying the key issues for further assessment;
- detailed assessment of the key issues specified below, and any other significant issues identified in the risk assessment (above), including:
 - a description of the existing environment, using sufficient baseline data;
 - an assessment of the potential impacts of all stages of the proposal, including any cumulative impacts, taking into consideration relevant guidelines, policies, plans and statutes; and
 - a description of the measures that would be implemented to avoid, minimise and if necessary, offset the potential impacts of the proposal, including proposals for adaptive management and/or contingency plans to manage any significant risks to the environment; and
- consolidated summary of all the proposed environmental management and monitoring measures, highlighting commitments included in the EA.

Key Issues

The key issues to be considered in the EA include:

- **Air Quality** - including a detailed air quality impact assessment
- **Noise** - including a detailed noise impact assessment
- **Greenhouse Gas** - including a detailed greenhouse gas impact assessment
- **Traffic** - including a detailed traffic impact assessment
- **Effluent treatment** – including a review of the existing treatment and effluent utilisation system