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Contact: Liz Mazzer 6883 5325
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Dear Ms Butcher

RE Springvale Mine Modification (DA 11/92 MOD 4)

I refer to your email dated 16th September 2013 requesting comments on the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH has responsibilities under the;

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* - namely the protection and care of Aboriginal objects and places, the protection and care of native flora and fauna and the protection and management of reserves; and the
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* which aims to conserve threatened species of flora and fauna, populations and ecological communities to promote their recovery and manage processes that threaten them;
- *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003* – ensuring compliance with the requirements of this legislation.

OEH understands that the proposed modification is to increase extraction of coal from existing operations. There will be no physical works nor significant changes to the existing mine operation to achieve this increase in production. No change is proposed to the surface water management system, and changes in water use and inflows that will occur as a result of the increased production and new mining equipment are negligible within the overall water balance and do not require any change to water management.

Based on the information provided, the OEH has no specific comments to make on the proposed modification at this stage. We assume that the proposal has adequately considered the requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the OEH areas of responsibility (ie. natural and cultural heritage conservation issues). Please note that if subsequent information indicates that these areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, OEH may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact Liz Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5325 or liz.mazzer@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SArdill', written in a cursive style.

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