

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Veronica Howat
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Springvale Coal Pty Ltd
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Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Notification of a trial for the Cessation of active Cooks Dam WMP

Dear Ms Howat,

I refer to the notification about a trial plan for the cessation of active management of water levels in Cooks Dam. The trial plan was to determine if the cessation of dewatering of the Cooks Dam resulted in less groundwater make into the dam, and therefore less discharge via LDP001. The trial ceased on 25 February 2026. Since the 25 February 2025, Western Coal Services has returned to managing water in Cooks Dam as per the Water Management Plan as per Schedule 3, Condition 24 in the consent (SSD-5579).

The Department has carefully reviewed the above and is satisfied that it:

- The trial plan for the cessation of the active management of water levels in Cooks Dam has ceased.
- The Cooks Dam will be managed as per Condition 24, Schedule 3 as per the consent (SDD-5579).

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has approved that Cooks Dam will be managed as per Condition 24, Schedule 3 of SDD-5579 as modified.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Hugh Shouldice, (Senior Project Officer) at hugh.shouldice@dphi.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary