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Dear Gabrielle

Western Coal Services Modification 4 (SSD 5579-Mod-4)

I refer to the correspondence dated 4 February 2022 inviting WaterNSW to provide comments on the Western Coal Services SSD 5579 Modification 4 application by Centennial Coal. WaterNSW appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Modification Report.

The proposed project area is wholly located within the Upper Coxs River sub-catchment of the Declared Catchment area (the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment).

WaterNSW has an important statutory role "to protect and enhance the quality and quantity of water in declared catchment areas". It also has a set of 'Mining Principles' which underpin WaterNSW's decision-making in relation to managing mining impacts in the declared Sydney catchment area and on catchment infrastructure.

WaterNSW has reviewed the Modification Report with specific focus on the Water Resources Impact Assessment (WRIA).

WaterNSW strongly supports the proposal for water transfer and management as part of this modification. WaterNSW considers if the proposed water management and mitigation measures are implemented, they will lead to:

- meet the desired environmental outcomes for surface water quality and quantity in the Declared Catchment and are consistent with WaterNSW Mining Principles
- achieve targeted outcomes in the Upper Coxs River Action and Monitoring Plan and performance measures set in the Springvale and Angus Place mines' development approvals and EPA requirements for discharges from LDP001 on Wangcol Creek
- achieve a Neutral or Beneficial Effect on receiving water quality during the construction and post construction operational stage of the Centennial Western Coal Services and Springvale mine sites, and
- increased reuse of treated mine water from Angus and Springvale mines.

WaterNSW requests that the Department requires updating the following plans, in consultation with WaterNSW, as part of the modification approval including:

- Construction Environmental Management Plan and Water Management Plan for the Western Coal Services site that detail soil and water management measures during the construction and operation of the site in accordance with *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction – Volume 1* (Landcom 2004) and *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction – Volume 2E Mines and Quarries* (DECC 2008).

- Other relevant Centennial Coal management plans including the Regional Water Management Plan and the Upper Cocks River Action and Monitoring Plan.

WaterNSW requests to remain as a stakeholder for the proposal and receive any updates to relevant plans. WaterNSW would appreciate having further opportunities to comment on the project as the assessment progresses.

If you wish to discuss further, please contact Ravi Sundaram on 0428226152 or email at environmental.assessments@waternsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daryl Gilchrist".

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