

Geoff Rapson  
Manager Coal Services and REA Controller  
Centennial Springvale Pty Limited  
Via: NSW Major Projects Portal

23/10/2025

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Subject: Western Coal Services (SSD-5579) – Riparian Habitat Catchment Improvement Plan

Dear Mr Rapson

I refer to your letter dated 20 June 2025 providing the Department a status update on the Western Coal Services Riparian Habitat Catchment Improvement Plan.


I understand that the Riparian Habitat Catchment Improvement Plan was submitted to the Department on 31 October 2017 in accordance with Condition 27, Condition 3 of SSD-5579. I also understand that you resubmitted the plan (dated October 2017) to the Department on 7 July 2022. On 9 September 2022, the Department requested that the plan be reviewed for its currency prior to the Department progressing its review. The update of the Riparian Habitat Catchment Improvement Plan was listed as a recommendation in the Independent Environmental Audit 2024 (dated 19 February 2025).

I note that Condition 5, Schedule 5 of SSD-5579 does not include the Planning Secretary's discretion in terms of strategies, plans and programs review timing.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I am not able to approve the revised review dates, however the Department does acknowledge the approach that Centennial Springvale has proposed.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Polina Golberg on 02 8275 1072.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie Evans".

Jessie Evans  
Director, Resource Assessments  
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary