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Jessie Evans
Director, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Housing and the Environment
Via: Planning Portal

Dear Jessie

Western Coal Services – Trial: Cessation of active water management at Cooks Dam

Springvale Coal Pty Ltd (Springvale) are notifying the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) of a Trial Plan for “cessation of the active management of water levels in Cooks Dam”. The trial plan has been developed in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), and the EPA’s Guide to Planning and Designing Trials in NSW (November 2025).

Springvale are expecting a Clean-Up Notice shortly with the requirement to commence the trial by 27 January 2026.

Springvale are notifying the DPHI that during this trial, Springvale will not be actively dewatering Cook’s Dam, which discharges through LDP001 in accordance with the Western Coal Service Water Management Plan.

On 18 December 2025, Springvale submitted a request for an extension of time on the submission of the Water Management Plan until 30 June 2026. This trial will assist in informing Springvale and the EPA on the new revised water management initiatives.

Yours sincerely,



Glen Anderson
Production Superintendent.