

Mr Craig Gillard
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Date: 7 April 2026

Subject: Your meeting with the Secretary of DCCEEW on water management at Springvale mine

Dear Mr Gillard,

On 19 February 2026, you met with Mr Anthony Lean, Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water, regarding the NSW Government's position on mine water management and associated environmental responsibilities.

As conveyed by Mr Lean, the NSW Government expects Centennial Coal and EnergyAustralia to resolve the Springvale mine issues, ensuring full compliance with all licences, environmental regulations, and planning consents. Environmental protection is non-negotiable, and the integrity of water catchments must be maintained.

The NSW Government expects that Centennial Coal will work with EnergyAustralia to pursue and expedite all feasible solutions, including those that may not be in your best commercial interest, to ensure long-term sustainability and compliance. Your organisations have the expertise, resources, and responsibility to develop and implement effective industry-led solutions.

As regulators and assessment agencies, we will support you through our statutory roles by prioritising application assessments and monitoring compliance. We will uphold standards that protect environmental and community outcomes, and expect timely, accurate information in line with your licence and consent obligations.

We look forward to working together to ensure compliance and positive environmental outcomes.

Yours sincerely,



Kiersten Fishburn
Secretary
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Tony Chappel
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cc: Mr Mark Collette, Managing Director of EnergyAustralia