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Dear Rose-Anne

**Response to Submissions for the Springvale Mine Extension Project
SSD 5594 MOD 1**

I refer to your email dated 2 November 2016, inviting the Division of Resources & Energy (the Division) to provide comments on the Response to Submissions (RTS) for the Springvale Mine Extension Project - SSD 5594 MOD 1 (the Project).

This Response to Submissions (RTS) made by Springvale Coal Pty Limited addresses issues raised in submissions received on the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE). The report builds on information presented in the SEE and is to be read in conjunction with that document.

The information provided in the RTS document dated 2 November 2016 adequately addresses the issues raised by the Division in its submission to DPE on 17 August 2016 and recommends the following statement is added to Section 4.0 – Revised Statement of Commitments, Subsection 5 (Groundwater and Surface Water Resources):

“the site Water Management Plan will be reviewed and updated as relevant, following approval of the modification, to take into account the establishment of the stockpile extension area and the associated diversion drain”

The Division has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

Should approval be granted for the Project, the Division will require further details from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in regards to the final rehabilitation and post-mining land use commitments to be included in the consent. The purpose of this information is to inform the drafting of specific mining lease conditions (issued pursuant to the *Mining Act 1992*) that the Division will enforce over

the life of the project to ensure that these rehabilitation and post mining land use commitments are achieved.

The Division considers the RTS adequately addresses the Division's three items raised in the letter from the Deputy Secretary to DPE dated 22 August 2016 (BN16/6720).

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Royalty and Advisory Services on telephone (02) 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

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