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Ms Gabrielle Allan
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Via electronic submission

Dear Ms Allan,

SSD-5579 MOD 5: Springvale Coal Mine - Water Transfer

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Springvale coal mine modification application proposed by Centennial Coal.

We wish to confirm our support for the project.

EnergyAustralia owns and operates the nearby Mt Piper Power Station, which provides up to 15% of NSW's electricity. Currently, Mt Piper primarily relies on a single source of coal, being the Springvale mine.

Coal supply security for Mt Piper Power Station will increase with the proposed modification supporting Centennial's efforts to manage its mine water which is currently accumulating in both the Angus Place and Springvale mines. These efforts are essential to ensuring coal supply security for Mt Piper, in turn supporting Mt Piper's contribution to secure and affordable electricity in NSW.

As you may appreciate, we are in constant conversation with Centennial regarding the dewatering challenges they are facing. We believe the modification will provide Centennial with the flexibility they need to return the mines to a safe and sustainable situation.

We note that this project has been the subject of very robust and thorough assessment by the relevant agencies and Department of Planning and Environment in the past. On this basis EnergyAustralia supports the timely provision of approval for this modification.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Elliott
Operations and Projects Executive