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Dear Mr Ko,

**Centennial Springvale Pty Ltd – Springvale Water Treatment Project Environmental Impact Statement**

I have reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on behalf of Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW), whose primary interest in the water treatment project is the impact on Newnes State Forest. FCNSW is pleased that Centennial Coal has considered a broad range of issues, however there are a number of matters that require further consideration:

- 1) All constructed access tracks are the responsibility of Centennial Coal must be rehabilitated fully once no longer required, and will remain the responsibility of Centennial Coal, under the Forest Permit, until they are closed and rehabilitated. The only exception to this would be if FCNSW requested a track be left open.
- 2) With regard to traffic, FCNSW support the proposed traffic access routes, and I note that the heavy vehicle route restrictions within the EIS are consistent with those applied by FCNSW. However, the introduction and chapter 14.3 both make statements that there is sufficient road network capacity to support these activities. It is the view of FCNSW that the impact on roads from this activity should not be considered in isolation of the wider mining traffic movements across Newnes State Forest. FCNSW believe there is a higher risk of failure of the road network, particularly natural surface roads, than is expressed in the EIS. It is likely that Centennial Coal will need to contribute to the upkeep of all roads identified for use in the EIS, and more broadly for maintenance of existing operations.
- 3) With regard to chapter 15.7.1 *Newnes Plateau – State Forest*, the pipe alignment within the Newnes SF, where it diverges from the existing pipeline alignment, FCNSW does not consider a 'former logging trail' to be an access road and therefore Centennial will be constructing a new road ('4WD track'), which will need to form part of a permit and associated requirements as outlined in Point 1 above.



- 4) Any vegetation clearing in relation to fire mitigation surrounding ancillary infrastructure must be considered within the EIS (if outside the 20m corridor).
- 5) With regard to Chapter 15.8.3 *Mitigation Measures*, FCNSW would like to review the bushfire management plan prior to approval. FCNSW would also like an additional mitigation measure during the construction phase, of works to comply with FCNSW fire restrictions, which require all vehicles to carry certain fire-fighting equipment depending on daily fire risk. The restrictions also stipulate ceasing particular types of work at certain times of the day, depending on fire risk. This can be facilitated through our system of daily colour code notification.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DK', is written over the closing text.

**Dan Kirby**  
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