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Dear Mr Ko

**Western Coal Services (SSD 8879 Mod2)  
Comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA)**

I refer to your email of 14 September 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry – Crown Lands and Water that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

DPI has reviewed the EA and provides the following recommendations and comments:

- The proponent should provide further detailed information on the following
  - the distance of the proposed coal stockpile location and the dirty water diversion works from Lamberts Gully
  - any potential impacts and proposed mitigation to the watercourse and riparian area surrounding Lamberts Gully.
  - Clarification on whether the Stage 1 dirty water diversion works will be completed prior to the establishment of the proposed product coal stockpile. If not, details should be provided on what mitigation measures are proposed to prevent sediment runoff from the stockpile potentially impacting Lamberts Gully and the downstream environment of Wangcol Creek.
- The proponent should ensure all works within or around waterfront land are carried out in accordance with the [DPI Water Guidelines for Controlled Activities \(2012\)](#).
- It is noted that Table 8 states that “the project will seek a water access licence for the transfer of mine water from the Springvale Mine to the SCSS and the Lidsdale Siding along the existing overland conveyor approved in SSD 5579 when required”. DPI notes that the proponent already holds a licence for the extraction of groundwater from the mine.

Yours sincerely



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**A/Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice**

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*DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:*

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