

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Submission opposing Springvale Mine SSD\_5594 Mod 2**

**Springvale Mining proposal**

Modification to amend Schedule 4 Condition 12 of SSD 5594 to: a) remove the requirement to Meet limits for salinity of 700 (50th percentile), 900 (90th percentile) and 1000 (100th percentile)  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  EC by 30 June 2017 b) defer to 30 June 2019 the requirement to Eliminate acute and chronic toxicity from LDP009 discharges to aquatic species by 30 June 2017, with acute toxicity defined as >10% effect relative to the control group and chronic toxicity defined as >20% effect relative to the control group.

**Springvale Mining Claim**

a) it will be unable to meet the interim water quality criteria because the Springvale WTP, which was developed to meet the SSD 5594 water quality performance criteria, will not be operational by 30 June 2017 due to the time-consuming processes involved in project design, development consent, procurement, construction and commissioning;

b) the proposed Mod will allow Springvale Mine to remain compliant with its consent conditions after 30 June 2017;

**My Submission**

Pollution and mining since September 2015 has been previously allowed whilst a time for Springvale Mining to provide a staged solution has now expired and mining activity should stop until the pollution by Springvale Mining of the upper Cocks River, natural environment and Sydney's drinking water stops.

After eighteen months of polluting, enough is enough and we need to accept Springvale Mining has not only failed to develop a solution, but by requesting a further two year extension, it seems is not close to a solution, yet planning to pollute for four continuous years.

Further, it is fundamentally wrong to suggest the removal of non-pollution obligations to allow compliance. The consent conditions are a requirement the company admits they have failed to achieve.

Approval should not be provided as it is ridiculous to pollute for the past eighteen months, plan to pollute for four years, to be unable to comply with salinity levels and then claim current and historical water quality is unchanged.

**Suggested Outcome**

Reject the proposed modification, close production on 30 June 2017 until solution is achieved to meet approval condition obligations.

It is felt there are temporary and permanent solutions with reverse osmosis and/or use of facilities at Mt Piper or the implementation of the proposed treatment plant that are available to Springvale Mining to become compliant with the consent conditions.

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