



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Stuckey

### **Springvale Colliery Extension Project (SSD 5594 MOD 2) Comment on the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE)**

I refer to your email of 23 January 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands 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 recommends the proponent consider additional options to improve the current water quality in Sawyers Swamp Creek rather than or in addition to modification of the Conditions of Consent and continued discharge of mine water at the current water quality criteria until the Springvale Water Treatment Plant (WTP) becomes operational. Potential alternatives for consideration may include:

- storing the excess groundwater in the disused mine workings until the WTP is operational, or
- shandying the groundwater to improve water quality before it is discharged at LDP009 into Sawyers Swamp Creek.

Yours sincerely

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**Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice**  
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