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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **SPPRINGVALE EXTERNSION PROJECT – PRODUCTION INCREASE MODIFICATION**

The CFMEU South Western District has previously supported application's that have been put forward by Centennial Coal to extend or improve the life of the Springvale Mine and secure employment for their workforce and help keep the local community economically viable. The union has also supported the extension application by way of both written and verbal submissions to previous PAC hearing and meetings.

Springvale Mine is an underground coal mine in the Lithgow area. Established in 1995 and operational in 1996 Springvale Mine has been contributing to our local economy for over two decades.

Springvale currently secures the employment of over 300 full time employees and close to 40 contractors, but also supplies ancillary work to couriers, engineering and fabrication workshops, machinery repairers, conveyor belt companies, the list is endless.

The workforce from Springvale provides an important and positive contribution to the local Lithgow community through employee's remuneration and continued support of local business, organisations and charities through donations.

Springvale is not only a significant local employer, it is a major contributor to the Lithgow community and the only mine capable of supplying coal to Mt Piper Power Station, also a significant local employer, which in turn provides electricity to 15% of the state.

The modification is seeking to increase the number of employees, increase coal production and increase the coal stockpile capacity. It is not proposing any changes to the current mining method, the current mine plan or the existing surface footprint. Also an increase in production will not result in any potential impacts beyond Springvale's current planning approval.

We support this modification and understand it will allow Springvale flexibility to respond to any production efficiencies and benefit from any uplift in the coal market.

Yours sincerely

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