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**Springvale Water Mod 3 – Interim Water Management Strategy (SSD 7592 Mod 3)
Request for Comments on the Modification Application**

Dear Ms Bandaruk

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 14 March 2019 regarding the application submitted by Springvale Coal Pty Limited for a modification to the Springvale Water Treatment Project SSD 7592 Mod 3) and your request for EPA advice on this modification.

I wish to advise that Springvale Coal Pty Limited and the Springvale Water Treatment Project Team has provided the EPA with a number of briefings regarding the Interim Water Management Strategy (IWMS), and as such the EPA has reviewed and discussed the modification report as part of those briefings.

I wish to advise that the EPA agrees to the IWMS noting:

- it will only be actioned should the Springvale Water Treatment Project not be fully operational by the SSD 7592 project due date, 30 June 2019,
- the assessed impacts of the IWMS to water quality within Thompson's Creek Reservoir are minimal - noting an EC increase in the Reservoir by 40us/cm - and the water is to be used in Mt Piper Power Station, and
- the only alternative to the IWMS would be to seek an extension to the SSD 7592 Project due date. This would mean the current discharge to the Cocks River would continue beyond 30 June 2019, having a more substantial impact to water quality within the Cocks River than approving the IWMS.

Should you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6333 3802 or emailing central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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