

Department of Planning and Environment

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**Subject: Springvale Coal Mine Swamp Offset Strategy**

Dear Ms Gardiner

I refer to the Springvale Coal Mine Swamp Offset Strategy (Rev 8, February 2022) (offset strategy) submitted to the Department in accordance with Conditions 4 and 5, Schedule 3 of the development consent for the Springvale Coal Mine Extension (SSD\_5594).

The Department notes that the offset strategy relates to offset liabilities arising from greater than negligible environmental consequences to the Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamps identified as blue areas "Impacted" in **Attachment 1** (taken from Figure 4 of the offset strategy), that have resulted from mining under SSD\_5594.

The Planning Secretary has carefully considered the offset strategy in the context of Centennial Springvale Pty Limited's (Centennial's) offset liability under Conditions 4 and 5, Schedule 3 of SSD\_5594, and has sought advice from the Biodiversity Conservation and Science Division of the Department and the Springvale Independent Monitoring Panel.

The Planning Secretary notes that the offset strategy would facilitate improved conservation and management outcomes for threatened swamp communities located within the Newnes, Wolgan and Ben Bullen State Forests.

The Planning Secretary has conditionally determined that the offset strategy satisfies Centennial's offset liability for the identified impacted shrub swamps in **Attachment 1** under Conditions 4 and 5, Schedule 3 of SSD\_5594, subject to the following requirements:

1. Within three months of the date of this letter, Centennial must execute an offset deed with the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* that sets out a schedule of payment to the Minister for the monetary contribution under the offset strategy consistent with the form of the draft sent by the Department on Thursday 24 March 2022, or as otherwise agreed between Centennial and the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (executed offset deed);
2. Within one month of executing the offset deed, Centennial must resubmit an updated offset strategy to the Planning Secretary that includes details of the payment and bank guarantee schedule for the monetary contribution to the Minister that reflects the executed offset deed;
3. Centennial must make monetary payments and provide the security to the Minister in accordance with the executed offset deed;

4. Centennial must implement all commitments outlined in section 10 of the offset strategy;
5. Any offset cash security held by the Planning Secretary under Condition 4, Schedule 3 of SSD\_5594, and the Extractions Plan approvals under Condition 10, Schedule 3 of SSD\_5594 for LW 419, LW420-422 and LW424-427, will only be released once the Planning Secretary is satisfied that the offset liability required under Conditions 4 and 5, Schedule 3 of the Consent has been fully discharged either through cash payments or bank guarantee securing any future payments in accordance with the executed offset deed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S O'Donoghue".

Stephen O'Donoghue

**Director Resource Assessment**

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

**Attachment 1** – Impacted Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamps covered by Springvale Coal Mine Swamp Offset Strategy

