



VARIATION TO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL

Springvale Mine Extension Project, New South Wales (EPBC 2013/6881)

This decision to vary a condition of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

Person to whom the approval is granted	Springvale Coal Pty Ltd ACN 052 096 769
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Approved action	To expand underground mining operations at the existing Springvale Mine in the Western Coalfields of New South Wales, 8 kilometres north-east of Lithgow, New South Wales [see referral EPBC 2013/6881 and variation request letter dated 9 July 2014].
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Variation

Variation of conditions of approval	The variation is: Delete condition 7 attached to the approval dated 13 October 2015 and substitute with condition 7 below.
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Date of effect	This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed.
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Person authorised to make decision

name and position	Victoria Press Acting Assistant Secretary Assessments and Fuel Branch
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Signature

Date of decision	1 April 2016
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Condition attached to the approval

7. This condition applies to longwalls **LW418** and **LW419**.

To minimise impacts on **Temperate Highland Peat Swamps**, in addition to Condition 10(h)(v) (Schedule 3) on the **New South Wales development consent**, swamp monitoring programs (or similar documents) must:

- a. be capable of detecting any greater than **negligible** environmental consequence on any swamps within the **project area** that meet the listing criteria for **Temperate Highland Peat Swamps**
- b. include at least three (3) control swamps for each swamp to which the program applies, matched in terms of vegetation, geomorphology, hydrology and size, which must be monitored according to the same standards and protocols (a swamp may serve as a control for any number of suitably matched swamps to which the program applies)
- c. have installed for each swamp to which the program applies and for each control swamp:
 - i. a configuration of at least two (2) intersecting piezometer transects, the first along a line from the highest area of the swamp to the swamp outflow point and the second perpendicular to the first, located directly above a long wall panel, with each transect comprising at least three (3) piezometers (piezometers should not be installed immediately above longwall pillars); and
 - ii. piezometers (at least one (1)) installed at the deepest point in the swamp's sediments and any other significant deep points to better understand potential mine-induced drainage; and
- d. establish for each swamp proposed for **undermining** a monitoring regime that includes daily data collection from each swamp with data review at least weekly during **undermining** operations and at least monthly at all other times

The **approval holder** must not continue **longwall mining** beyond 30 June 2016 until the swamp monitoring program(s) has been approved in writing by the **Minister**. Each approved swamp monitoring program must be implemented for no less than five (5) years from the approval of the program.