

# McPhillamys Gold Project

## CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #13																																	
Meeting Date	30 August 2021 @ 6pm																																	
Venue	All attended by ZOOM Meeting																																	
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Next Meeting	Monday 22nd November 2021 @ 6.00pm Blayney Community Centre																																	

91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW or Via ZOOM depending on COVID restrictions.

## **MEETING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - David Johnson**

Meeting opened at 6:02pm

Apologies for the meeting tendered for Peter Hildenbeutel, Tom Williams, Steve O'Donoghue; Miles Hedge joined the meeting at 6.36pm.

### **Introduction and acknowledgement of Country by David Johnson:**

- No declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (3 May) – David Johnson**

- No business arising from the last meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- No correspondence was reported since the last meeting.

## **REGIS RESOURCES MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT UPDATE**

PowerPoint presentation by Tony McPaul via Zoom (copy on McPhillamys website). The key points from the presentation were:

- Rod Smith has resigned from Regis, Danielle Wallace has been appointed to Rod's position on the CCC as a Regis representative.
- Covid-19 restrictions - Staff are working from home as much as possible, with the Regis office normally closed.
- Environmental monitoring and visual screening are continuing at the project site.
- Pipeline easement negotiations and construction water supply investigations ongoing.
- Regis attended the careers in mining function and dinner, sponsored by NSW Minerals Council.
  - Mitigation measures and negotiated agreement discussions are progressing with local residents.
- Engagement with TAFE and schools is taking place.

- Various donations have been made by Regis within the Blayney community.
- Community information Sheet 15 due to be released in September 2021.
- Tony explained project job opportunities and the breakdown of jobs and skill areas which will be required if the project is approved.
- Regulatory Approvals - Assessment and recommendation by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) still in progress.

### **QUESTIONS ARISING FROM REGIS PRESENTATION**

- Daniel Sutton requested further information in regards to any formal reports received by Regis from the DPIE requesting further information. Tony advised that a request for information had been received in relation to the Social Impact Assessment.
- Elizabeth Russ asked for an explanation relating to Section 9 and Section 10 of the approvals process. Tony McPaul and Andrew Wannan explained the meaning.
- Daniel Sutton asked if it was possible to get a copy of what information the DPIE was requesting from Regis. Tony answered that he would check.
- Tony went through the Questions and Answers submitted by Daniel Sutton prior to this meeting (using his shared computer screen). These will be attached to the final minutes and placed on the website. Daniel asked for more clarification on the Decant facility located on the TSF. Tony McPaul and Andrew Wannan explained what the Decant is and what its function is. Andrew's response to be added to the answer to Question 6.
- Daniel Sutton asked for more information surrounding the water licensing issues. Tony McPaul gave a detailed explanation on the water licensing, which is quite complex, and what Regis will require for the project.

### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

- None.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- David Johnson raised the issue from last meeting regarding finding an independent minute taker for CCC meetings. It has proved difficult to find an alternative minute taker, and for now the present arrangements will continue. Committee members indicated they are happy with the current process; if any CCC member has any issues they are to raise with David.
- Evan Leitch questioned why the CCC members weren't consulted on changing the date for this meeting. David Johnson apologised and noted for future reference.

- Elizabeth Russ asked if Regis were any closer to knowing a date for the expected IPC public hearing for the project determination? Tony McPaul replied that this was still unknown but likely to be in the first half of 2022. Covid restrictions will determine the form of the meeting.
- Rebecca Ryan asked if Stephen O’Donoghue (DPIE) could explain the IPC process and timeframes etc. at the next meeting. David Johnson will contact Stephen to see if he is available to attend.
- It was noted that Ian North is now the Mayor of Bathurst. He will receive the CCC minutes and a welcome is extended for him to attend meetings.

**ACTIONS**

	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Due By</b>
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for the 22nd November 2021 @6pm	Stacey McFawn	1/09/21
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson.	Stacey McFawn	6/09/21
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email Including the alternate representatives	David Johnson	10/09/21
4	Committee members provide comment on minutes to Chairperson	All committee members	24/09/21
5	Minutes finalised & posted on the McPhillamys Website	David Johnson Stacey McFawn	30/09/21
6	Questions and answers from the <u>August</u> CCC meeting to be added to the McPhillamys website.	Stacey McFawn	30/09/21

**MEETING CLOSED**

Meeting closed at 7.07pm

**NEXT MEETING - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 6pm** at the Blayney Community Centre, 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW, depending on COVID restrictions. Otherwise by Zoom.

**ATTACHMENT 1 – Answers to questions provided by Daniel Sutton for CCC meeting 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Q1. Why are the minutes from the November 2020 meeting not published on the McPhillamys website?  
Thankyou for bringing this to our attention, they will be added to the website.

Q2. On page 8 under McPhillamys Gold Project of the “Quarterly Activities Report” published on 29/07/21 to the ASX, it states: “COVID-19 related restrictions are limiting access to site for engineering and potential vendor inspections”. Can you please explain what ‘potential vendor inspections’ relates to? For clarity, the community are concerned that Regis is looking to dispose of the McPhillamys project and are seeking assurance that the term vendor in this publication refers to potential suppliers of Regis for the project; and that it is not referring to Regis as the vendor themselves.

In association with feasibility studies and to be in a position to start construction should development consent for the project be granted, we have been working with potential suppliers of goods and services (vendors) for both the construction and operational phases of the project. It is not referring to Regis as the vendor.

Q3. In the same report, it states the DPIE referral to the IPC “still has the potential to be made in the first half of FY22”. Given the never-ending extensions and removal of a deadline, please expand on this. In particular, will Regis have the issues preventing the referral resolved by a certain timeline? Or is this just talk to shareholders to provide hope that progress is being made when in reality there are no timelines on resolving the issues at hand?

We remain very hopeful that the DPIE referral will occur during the first half of FY22, we are doing everything we can to resolve the outstanding issues and we are responding to Requests For Information from DPIE as quickly as we can.

Q4. Additionally in this report, it states that the assessment is progressing with “outstanding elements in the water licensing area”. Please detail these, including where they are up to and what they are waiting on along with an expected timeline.

This comment refers to surface water licensing which is progressing, unfortunately we are unable to put a timeline on this. Regis continues to work with regulators on options as outlined in the Submissions Report.

Q5. Why is there now a desalination plant in the amended proposal? What is its purpose and why was it not in existence in the original EIS?

The Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant was included in the EIS and has always been a part of the project. Potable water is required on site this will be sourced predominately from a combination of rainwater tanks and potable water delivery to site. Bore water may also be used for potable supply. The site will be equipped with an RO plant to meet the potable water demand of up to approximately 0.2 ML/day, and the RO plant will be used onsite to treat water to Australian drinking water guidelines standards.

Q6. Can you explain the Decant that appears in the TSF in the Amendment report that was not in the EIS?

The Decant is a way of recovering water from the TFS for reuse in the Processing plant. The decant was proposed in the western part of the TSF (as shown on Plate 11 in Appendix D to the EIS) In the Amendment report it has been changed to a central decant system which is more efficient for return water over the life of the mine.