

# McPhillamys Gold Project

## #3 How the project is assessed

McPhillamys requires the approval of both the state and federal governments. Importantly, the assessment process also includes consultation with our neighbours, the community, local councils and the general public. So those in favour of or against the project, get to have a say.

The approvals process is lengthy, thorough and detailed and can take anywhere from 12 to 24 months from the time the application and EIS are lodged.

### Step 1:

We start by doing a huge range of studies to examine the possible impacts of the project. These studies are done by independent experts such as scientists, environmental consultants, engineers and geologists.

### Step 2:

Based on the results of the studies (e.g. traffic, noise, dust, water etc) Regis designs the preferred location and method of the project operations to make sure that they meet environmental, safety and other relevant standards. The results of the studies are shared with neighbours and the community and they are consulted on ways to reduce impacts.

Once the project plan is final we submit it to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for assessment. This is in the form of a document called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS goes on public exhibition and feedback is invited from other government agencies as well as the general public.

### Step 3:

Regis responds to feedback by providing a Response to Submissions Report and an Amendment Report.

### Step 4:

The Project is then assessed by the DPIE which will recommend that the project be approved or rejected. It will then be referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination.

### Step 5:

The Independent Planning Commission invites written submissions, holds a public hearing and assesses the project. Members of the public will be able to speak at the public hearing.

### Step 6:

The Independent Planning Commission reviews all the information and makes a decision to either approve or reject the project.

The following chart gives a quick summary of how the process works and who does what. If you would like more detailed information please check out the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website at the following address:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9821>

