

McPhillamys Gold Project CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #15																																			
Meeting Date	28 March 2022 @ 6pm																																			
Venue	Attended both by ZOOM and in person at the Blayney Community Centre ZOOM*																																			
Chair	David Johnson (DJ)	Independent Chairperson																																		
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Next Meeting	20 June 2022 @ 6.00pm Blayney Community Centre 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW or Via ZOOM* depending on COVID restrictions.
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MEETING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - David Johnson

Meeting opened at 6:03pm

Apologies tendered for the meeting:

Heather Nicholls

Stephen O'Donoghue

Introduction and acknowledgement of Country by David Johnson

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: NIL

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (22 November 2021) – David Johnson

- The minutes of the last meeting on 22 November 2022 were approved by the Community Consultative Committee as being read and correct;

CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence.

REGIS RESOURCES MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT UPDATE

PowerPoint presentation by Tony McPaul. Additional points from the presentation were:

- Tony mentioned the mining lease boundary registered survey has begun.
- Tony noted that Regis was preparing a minor project amendment (pipeline) that would be submitted to the DPIE that would be included in the assessment process.
- Tony mentioned he will be reducing his involvement with Regis and on the project. Kath Logan will replace Tony as the Regis representative on the CCC.

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM REGIS PRESENTATION Which Act is relevant to Section 9 & 10 applications? (DJ)

The Commonwealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (AW)

Regarding the surface water licensing pathway, can you be more specific? How much surface water do you have under licence now? How much do you still need to get? (DS)

The surface water licensing pathway will define the administrative process McPhillamys will have to go through to buy the surface water licences required. It does not require Regis to have already purchased the licences.

Regis is considering licenses that can be purchased as well as working with the NSW Government on other surface water licencing options. (TMcP)

So you don't have a pathway at the moment? (DS)

The surface water licencing pathway will allow McPhillamys to submit the Request for Information to DPIE Water who will then refer the project to IPC. (TMcP)

How many more megalitres of water does McPhillamys need to secure? You already have 70ML. (DS)

Each year, the amount of licensed water required will depend on the percentile of rainfall that year. (TMcP)

Could project approval be granted with the provision you have to hold water? Will you trade? (DS)

Yes, Regis could trade in wet years.

What's the bare minimum? (DS)

Water licensing involves a number of complexities including exempted works, the amount of required changes and development disturbance. Regis notes that the licensing requirement does not equal impact. All of the impacts are in the hydrological report.

Regis is focusing on demonstrating the project meets the requirements of the Water Management Act. (AW)

You will need x licences to keep the Department happy. How many more? What's the number? (DS)

At the moment, there is not a number. Once the surface water licencing pathway is defined, a number will be included in the Request for Information submitted to DPIE.

Defining the pathway is the holdup. The problem we are working out with government is all about administration, not impact.

The pipeline will bring the water McPhillamys needs for production.

McPhillamys is required to licence rainwater water that falls on site and we agree that is fair.

The other licences are to cover surface water that is redirected around the mine site and into the Belubula. It's water we won't use and don't need but we have to licence it to send it to the river. (TMcP)

The mining lease area is being surveyed. Will it be fenced? (DS)

Yes. The preference is for exclusion fencing whenever possible because they look more like farm fences. Only part of the fence would be high security. Mines are required to have signs on fences at certain intervals. (TMcP)

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS I was hoping DPIE would attend to give us an update on the water licencing issue. (DS)

Discussed how, at this point, DPIE would have given the same information at the meeting as Regis has. (TMcP) DS commented that he still would have liked to hear it from DPIE.

Can DPIE comment more on the water licencing issues? (DS)

No. Steve O'Donoghue compiles information from other agencies for the whole-of-government assessment process. Steve is relying on other agencies to give him information. (TMcP)

Regis is constantly putting things forward to try to overcome administrative hurdles. (AW)

What has changed? (DS)

Nothing has changed, the process has just been extremely slow. (AW)

Comment

Dismay expressed by several members at DPIE's non-attendance. "We need answers and we're not getting them. The whole timeline is greatly affected. We were led to believe that, at this time, we would be at the IPC Public Hearing.

"Everyone at Kings Plains needs answers. We are sick of being in limbo and being treated as poorly as we are." (ER)

It's not fair to the community to not be able to ask questions of government. (DS) Can Steve O'Donoghue attend an out of session Zoom meeting with the CCC? (RR)

Regis will request an out of session Zoom meeting with Steve O'Donoghue of DPIE. The most convenient time for Daniel is after 6pm weekdays or on weekends. David will also speak with Steve.

In the minutes, we need to see more detail in the answers. At the moment, a brief answer to the first question is given but the answers to follow-up questions are not recorded. The answers are oversimplified. (DS)_ Perhaps the meetings could be recorded? (ER)

This was discussed and the group decided to continue with minuting for the time being. David agreed we should endeavor to capture more detail in the responses to questions.

Will Evan Leitch be replaced on the CCC ? (ER)

Yes, the position will be advertised fairly soon. Evan’s position and a couple of alternates will probably be selected from applicants. (DJ)

Will the Right to Negotiate process blow out the timeline even further? (ER) No,

the holdup is the water licencing pathway.

The Right to Negotiate (re Native Title issues) and Section 10s are complications but they will run in parallel to the approval process.

Comment

“Land is being bought up by Regis and people are moving away. It’s changing the community structure. For example, the RFS has less manpower. It’s another hit. If we have fires, we won’t have the manpower. It is affecting and worrying people. It feels like Kings Plains doesn’t have much of a future.” (ER)

- Rebecca Ryan noted this will be her last meeting that she will be attending as she has resigned and her last day will be the 6th May 2022. David Johnson and Tony McPaul thanked her for her contribution to the CCC.

ACTIONS

	Action Items	Who	Due By
1	Book Blayne Community Centre for the 20 th June 2022.	Stacey McFawn	29/03/22
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson.	Stacey McFawn	4/04/22
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Johnson	08/04/22
4	Committee members provide comment on minutes to Chairperson	All committee members	22/04/22
5	Minutes finalised & posted on the McPhillamys Website	David Johnson Stacey McFawn	29/04/22
6	Questions and answers from the <u>March</u> CCC meeting to be added to the McPhillamys website.	Stacey McFawn	29/04/22
7	Contact Steven O’Donoghue (DPIE Planning) to arrange out of session Zoom meeting with CCC members	Kath Logan/Tony McPaul	29/04/22

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 7.24pm

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting the **20th June 2022**, at 6pm at the Blayney Community Centre, 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney.