

Farming and Mining at McPhillamys

The land purchased by Regis Resources for the McPhillamys Gold Project is currently used for a mixture of beef cattle and sheep grazing.

The land will continue to be leased back to local farmers for agricultural use while the project is assessed.

If the McPhillamys Project is approved, the mine will co-exist with agricultural operations on and around the site, as many other mines do.

Agricultural land studies

Detailed, independent studies were prepared for the McPhillamys project to understand the impacts of the mine on agricultural land.

These studies are outlined in the McPhillamys Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) and they concluded that most impacts from the project will be minimal and temporary.

Importantly, only a part of the McPhillamys site will be used for mining operations and the rest will continue to be used for agriculture.

The AIS also found that there is no Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL) in the mining lease application area.

What happens when the mine closes?

After the mine has closed the majority of the area impacted by the project will be rehabilitated and suitable for agricultural use — with the exception of the open pit void.

Rehabilitation work will start well before mining operations finish and will continue throughout the project.

Some agricultural land will be rehabilitated to a higher standard than currently exists. This includes land covering the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) which will be rehabilitated and improved with a view to returning this area to cattle grazing.



Off-farm income opportunities

Mining and other industries have a long history of successfully co-existing, creating jobs and prosperity for NSW, particularly in regional areas.

NSW mining operations spend billions each year on wages; purchases from over 8,000 local businesses; and royalties and taxes paid to the Government.

McPhillamys will create hundreds of jobs during construction and operations. This includes potential for farmers to supplement their income by getting work on the Project, either full time or during shut downs.