



Project Update

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Working with our neighbours

While the McPhillamys Gold Project will bring jobs and other benefits to the Blayney Shire, Regis also recognises that project impacts will need to be very carefully managed. This is especially important for our neighbours and landholders in Kings Plains.

Throughout the project, Regis has worked with our closest neighbours to understand their concerns and to come up with options to reduce the impact on their properties and their way of life.

We've already undertaken a number of measures and offered to provide a variety of options to address their concerns about noise, air quality and/or visual impacts that meet and go beyond what is required by legislation.

These measures are outlined in negotiated agreements which we have offered to 20 Kings Plains property owners. A number of agreements have already been signed and

work is progressing on plans for a range of things including:

- double glazing of windows and installation of block-out blinds
- tree planting to reduce visual impacts
- building modifications and construction of new outdoor areas and
- installation of air conditioners.

Eighteen of the twenty landowners will also have the option to require Regis to buy their property subject to the project receiving final (Regis) Board approval.

Local meeting

As part of the continuing negotiations, Regis representatives met with a number of our neighbours in early November, at the Blayney Community Centre.

The meeting was overseen by independent facilitator, Garry West, former minister and Member for Orange.

All participants had the opportunity to voice concerns and discuss the mitigation options being offered by Regis. We appreciate the time and effort they made to attend the meeting and express their views.

We are also very mindful of the impact of the uncertainty for these families, during the



Above: Tree lines have been planted to provide visual screening for our neighbours.

lengthy assessment process. Like them, we look forward to a final decision on the project.

Regards,

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