

McPhillamys Gold Project

CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #21	
Meeting Date	3 April 2023 @ 6pm	
Venue	Attended in person at the Blayney Community Centre	
Chair	David Johnson (DJ)	Chairperson
Meeting Attendees	Jordan Butler (JB) Miles Hedge (MH) Peter Hildenbeutel (PH) Robert (Bob) Russ (RR) Daniel Sutton (DS) Tom Williams (TW) Cyril Smith (CS) Bruce Reynolds (BR)	Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative (alternate for Elizabeth Russ) BHPG Representative Community Representative ORWSA Representative Community Representative (Alternate)
	Mark Dicker (MD) Richard Pamplin (RP) Robert Taylor (RT)	GM, Blayney Council Cabonne Shire Council Mayor, Bathurst Regional Council
	Wayne Taylor (WT) Kathryn Logan (KL) Danielle Wallace (DW) Rachel Healy (RH)	Regis Resources Regis Resources Regis Resources Regis Resources (Minutes)
Apologies	Elizabeth Russ (ER) Paul Hancock (PH)	Community Representative Community Rep (Alternate)
Next Meeting	Monday 5 June 2023 @ 6.00pm Blayney Community Centre 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW or via ZOOM	

MEETING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (DJ)

Meeting opened at 6.08pm

Apologies tendered for meeting: Elizabeth Russ

Introduction and Acknowledgement of Country by David Johnson

Introduction of Wayne Taylor - replacement for Andrew Wannan's as Regis Representative (DJ)

Introduction of Richard Pamplin – replacement for Heather Nicholls as Cabonne Shire Council Representative (DJ)

Community Consultative Committee Code of Conduct recap of what members have signed up to, obligations and behaviour (DJ).

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS: Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (28 November 2022): Nil

ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

REGIS RESOURCES MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT UPDATE (PRESENTATION PUBLISHED ON WEBSITE):

Members' questions submitted prior to the meeting are answered in the presentation and on pages 6-8.

Explanation of documents provided to each member on the evening (KL):

- IPC Statement of Reasons for Decision
- Consent Conditions
- List of changes to Draft Consent Conditions to complete Final Consent Conditions
- List of Management Plans
- CCC Guidelines

GENERAL BUSINESS – DISCUSSION of PRESENTATION (grouped by topic)

IPC (Independent Planning Commission) DETERMINATION

As a member of the Kings Plains community who is very badly affected, I am very disillusioned by the IPC decision. It is clear they have 100% accepted what DPE has said. It's also clear that DPE has been working with Regis from start to finish and we just get driven over. (MH)

The IPC do not do their own assessment. They look at the DPE assessment and request further information or get consultants to assist with their determination. The IPC does not go over every bit of information provided by the proponent. They evaluate the DPE's conclusions. They sometimes reject, sometimes approve and sometimes approve with conditions. Every project is different. (DJ)

I'm not suggesting interference with the commission but Regis was working with DPE and IPC followed this – there is no independence. (MH)

IPC is also there to check that the correct conditions are in place. (WT)

At the start of an approval process, the Secretary establishes the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS). There have to be interactions between the proponent and the DPE to make sure that everything is done correctly to answer the issues raised in the SEARS. It may appear that the proponent and DPE work together but they are actually responding to requirements. The final decision maker needs to satisfy themselves that the project can go ahead with appropriate conditions. Both parties need to consider all factors. (DJ)

Why did the IPC give Regis an extra three days after submissions closed? (BR)

At the close of submission, the Environmental Defender's Office (EDO) uploaded a large amount of information. Regis believed there were inaccuracies that needed to be corrected. There is precedent with the IPC for proponents seeking additional time. Regis was given 5 working days and a 50-page limit on the reply. Following that, the EDO also made a second submission. (DW)

The last word, the last submission accepted by the IPC, was from the EDO. We all see things we would like improved in the IPC process, everyone should take them to the relevant authority. (WT)

Congratulations Regis, and also to BHPG. In the last few days I have spoken to a butcher, a baker a candlestick maker. They can't wait for it to happen because they are on the brink of closing down. Everyone knows I'm pro-mining and so be it. Everything the BHPG has put in has been addressed. Mining has done well for Blayney, we have thrived on Cadia. Can't we do the same with this one? The ones that built and bought over the last 5 years, I don't give them any sympathy, drilling was done ten years ago. I feel sorry for the farmers adjoining. We have got to move ahead. This should reduce to a smaller working committee to allow progress and avoid time wasting. (PH)

These projects never have total support. What is likely to happen now is that company will decide to proceed. It is in everyone's interest to continue to have the dialogue and for the CCC to continue. Regardless of whether you wanted it, it is in your interest to stay involved. I had no part in IPC and stayed independent. If you aren't happy with the IPC process, write to the IPC. Mary O'Kane is the Chair and has a couple of deputies. (DJ)

Is the company satisfied with the outcome? (DS)

Yes, the company has put a lot of time and an extraordinary amount of money into it. (WT) The team is passionate and a lot of effort has gone in to getting it across the line. (DW)

CONSENT CONDITIONS AND ADDITIONAL APPROVALS

When will the management plans be ready? (DS)

They are being prepared now and will be ready in around six to eight weeks as a draft for consultation. We would like to talk you through it, explain what is in there and why and then allow you sufficient time to review and provide feedback. (DW)

In regard to management plans, the CCC is advisory only? (BR)

Yes. Regis needs to report to DPE that the CCC was consulted and that all comments and feedback were considered. (DW)

During and after pipeline construction, are there conditions e.g. prevent draining from steep slopes, preventing subsoil drainage? (CS)

The pipeline is still in detailed engineering which involves a lot of specialists. Pipeline construction is adapted to conditions in different areas. The pipeline CEMP will deal with these issues. (DW)

Is the Mining Lease (ML) issued after the Section 10 and biodiversity (EPBC) approvals are issued?

No. Regis has already applied for the Mining Lease. Companies usually run these overarching approvals in parallel. It's important to note that we can't do anything on the ML without those two approvals. The pipeline does not require the ML. (DW)

Is the water offtake agreement signed? (DS)

No, we are going through various layers to finalise it. It is a consent condition that it is completed before operations start. (WT) The water is required to be of 'stock' quality.

Will the pipeline need a number of DAs? (CS)

The pipeline won't need additional DAs as it is covered under this approval but will need landowner deeds, easements and inclusion in the management plans (DW)

Does the VPA require creation of a working group or is it done by council (DS?)

No. Council uses an internal committee and has not considered how McPhillamys VPA funding will be used. Council will revisit the terms of the VPA with Regis so that it reflects the final capital cost. The VPA is 1% of CAPEX. The VPA can be mutually reviewed at any time. Council will consider how funds will be used. (MD)

REGIS – BOARD DECISIONS

How long will Board approval take? (MD)

The Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) needs to build in Consent Conditions as well as detailed technical work. We expect the DFS to take most of the year and to put something in front of the Board at the end of the year. (WT)

Why does the DFS take so long? (DS)

There is some reengineering, the cost of inputs continues to change and has to be updated. (WT) That takes quite a lot of time (DW)

Does Final Investment Decision apply to the mine and pipeline? DS

Yes (DW)

So the Board will not approve expenditure without DFS? (DS)

Correct (WT)

What would happen if the Board decides not to proceed and sells the asset? Will the CCC still exist? (PH)

Regis is not considering selling. The CCC is one of the Consent Conditions and if a project is sold, the conditions still apply to the project under a new owner. RRL sees McPhillamys as a growth opportunity, and it appears in many CEO presentations as part of Regis' growth path. (WT)

It seems like a shame that this Committee has to go back to the Board to get answers on some things, for example someone's bore dropping. (PH)

The team has various Delegations of Authority to make decisions and spend money. (WT) Most issues can be addressed at site level. The Board may want to be notified about some things or a notification may be triggered. (DW)

REGIS – GENERAL QUESTIONS

Has the company made any decisions on any satellite projects? (DS)

No, there are no satellite projects under consideration at this time. Discovery Ridge doesn't feature in the McPhillamys approval. We are not doing anything active on Discovery Ridge at the moment, just focussing on McPhillamys. (WT)

Receiver property no. 28a was acquired by Regis and it had a DA approved. Does Regis have any plans to build? (DS)

No, there are no plans to build at this stage. (DW)

Would you consider building there a good or bad thing? (KL)

It would give you another house to put people in. (DS)

How many jobs will there be during construction? (RP)

The workforce peaks at 710 (pipeline and site) and follows a ramp-up, ramp-down curve over 24 months. (DW)

Is the operational workforce still expected to be 260? Still in line with graph in social impact report? (DS)

Yes (DW)

Thanks to Regis for the manner in which they record the questions and answers (CS)

Thank you (KL)

Is V-notch streamflow data publicly available? (CS)

In Consent Conditions, we are required to make surface water monitoring data available on the McPhillamys website. (DW)

Is it going to BOM? (CS)

The information is publicly available and accessible to the BoM. (DW)

Regis is invited to participate in the Canobolas Zone Bushfire Management Committee which I chair. I also suggest Regis considers doing the bushfire management plan for the site before construction starts. (BR)

There is a Bushfire Management Plan in place for the site. (DW) This year we asked everyone who uses Regis land to provide us with a BMP for the property as well so the site is covered by two plans. (KL)

We don't have a weather station in Blayney – would Regis be interested in setting one up?

I was told CSIRO had set one up, will get back to you on this one. (KL)

Do all management plans involve the CCC? (JB)

Regis will keep the CCC abreast of all plans and they will be available once approved. (DW) Only four request specific CCC involvement. (DJ)

Is there a timeline for publishing monitoring information? (JB)

Yes, it will be in the relevant management plans, some of which will come to CCC for comment and all of which will be public once approved. (DW)

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Daniel Sutton (Monday 3 April, 08:55am):

- 1. When will the Near Neighbours Impact Management Framework exist? What will it include and how can the near neighbours who are interested get involved in the creation and operation of it? (refer to Slide 5)**
- 2. When will the Stakeholder Engagement Framework be prepared, what will it include and who will be involved? (Slide 5)**
- 3. When will work on the SIMP (Social Impact Management Plan) commence? (Slide 5)**

Work is underway, already been drafted. Not all details are available as we're working on them at the moment. The Plan will be presented to the CCC. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Plans will be available on the Regis website. Regis will be audited by the Department, report to the Department and following audits make changes. We will go through the Secretary (DW)

4. **In the event that a neighbour who is not covered by an acquisition agreement can prove their property is not selling, or will only sell at a reduced price due to the mine approval, does Regis intend to compensate those landholders in any way, and if so, how?** (see Slide 10)

At the moment there is no Consent condition. Regis are focussed on meeting Consent conditions at the moment (KL)

The Consent Conditions will be placed in a register and assigned to staff members with an automatic line of command to all Managers should anything be missed. Will be reported on website. (DW)

If there is any impact on an individual we will meet with the individual and deal with an individual response (DW)

5. **Does Blayney Council intend to consult the Dungeon Rd and Kings Plains community about the road upgrades prior to providing their approval? Many community members would like the Council to host a meeting with the directly affected neighbours who use the roads and intersections several times per day during all weather conditions to get their input on what would be safe.** (see Slide 8)

The SSD was approved. Regis is working with Transport NSW and road upgrades will be up to Blayney Council (DW)

No further comment from Council (MD)

6. **Does the consent require live publication for monitoring of noise, blasting or air quality? If not, will Regis voluntarily provide live monitoring of noise and air quality data publicly or to nearby residents?** (Slide 9)

Monthly reporting will all be available on the Regis website, easily accessible and understood. It will not be available live as it needs to be calibrated and presented in a format easy to understand (DW)

7. **When will the VPA commence and when can the community get involved with the management and distribution of it?** (Slide 7)
8. **What plans and policies (including any sub plans) is the CCC to be consulted with?** (Slide 6)
9. **What plans and policies is the CCC to be involved in an ongoing basis with?** (Slide 6)
10. **What plans and policies is the community to be consulted with?** (Slide 6)
11. **What plans and policies is the community to be involved in an ongoing basis with?** (Slide 6)
12. **Can you please present a summary of all required management plans in an easy to follow table with the name, what they're designed to apply to and an estimated timeline of completion? (not specific dates but maybe at least an order of priority or roughly how long they'll take).**

Table was distributed in hard copy to all attendees.

Bruce Reynolds (Monday 3 April, 09:51am):

1. **What is the process the Regis Board will now go through?** (see Slide 4)
2. **If the board gives the green light, what is the process on the ground and how long after board approval before construction takes place?** (Slide 4)
3. **With regards to the conditions of consent, how will Regis now work through each of these and where they impact on individuals and many? Will Regis work with the community and agencies to comply with these conditions? An example may be water supplies and also the impacts downstream of Carcoar Dam.** (Slide 11)
4. **I also have a question of David on how the triple C will proceed after the determination.** (Slide 13, notes above)

The CCC is required to continue to operate. There will not be a new CCC. Some projects require separate CCCs for Construction and Operations. This project's conditions of consent require the CCC to continue to operate. Members may resign at any time and we will advertise for new positions (DJ)

Jordan Butler (Monday 3 April, 12:42pm):

1. **What specific benefits will flow to Blayney as far as job opportunities?** (see Slide 12)
Regis preference is to employ local people. If there were a situation where a non-local and a local person were equally suitable for a job, the local person would be the preferred employee. (KL)
2. **With zero rental accommodation, how will Regis employees live in Blayney and contribute to the economy? 'Dongas' do not provide any permanent idea of settlement for families or those who may want to bring their families to Blayney.** (Slide 12)
Regis acknowledges the accommodation issue. There are two parts to it. An accommodation village would only be a solution during construction. During operations, Regis' preference will be to employ Blayney locals and people who live within a one-hour radius of site. We know that Council is looking ahead with a land release strategy. Consent Conditions require Regis to show how negative social impacts, including accommodation, will be mitigated and managed. (KL)
3. **On notice: Blayney is a service town so what businesses are being encouraged to come to Blayney to 'set up' shop?**
The Central West is becoming a mining hub (Cadia, Tomingley, Northparkes etc.) so it is in the interests of businesses with a strong mining client base to move to the region. Regis is not actively encouraging any of them to come to Blayney at the moment because suppliers can only be appointed after Final Investment Decision.
4. **On notice: What benefits will directly contribute to the town economically / educationally / environmentally/ culturally as far as specific projects?**
In addition to Regis' contributions in those areas, lead contractors and suppliers will have their own focus areas for community investment. Economic and educational (school enrolments and post-school training) contributions will largely result from people working and living in Blayney.

5. **Will there be apprentice opportunities for the local kids in the area?** (Slide 12)

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at approximately 7.25pm

	Action Items	Responsible	Due By
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for Monday 5 June 2023	Rachel Healy	Complete
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson	Kath Logan	Complete
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Johnson	12 April
4	Committee members provide comment on minutes to Chairperson	All committee members	28 April
5	Minutes finalised & posted on the McPhillamys Website	David Johnson Rachel Healy	5 May
6	Deadline for questions to Regis (to be answered at CCC 5 June 2023)	Rachel Healy	COB Wednesday 31 May