

McPhillamys Gold Project CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #22	
Meeting Date	6pm, Monday 5 June 2023	
Venue	Blayney Community Centre	
Meeting Attendees	David Johnson (DJ)	Independent Chair
	Jordan Butler (JB)	Community Representative
	Miles Hedge (MH)	Community Representative
	Peter Hildenbeutel (PH)	Community Representative
	Robert (Bob) Russ (RR)	Community Representative (Alternate - Elizabeth Russ)
	Daniel Sutton (DS)	BHPG Representative
	Tom Williams (TW)	Community Representative
	Cyril Smith (CS)	ORWSA Representative
	Bruce Reynolds (BR)	Community Representative (Alternate)
	Mark Dicker (MD)	GM, Blayney Council
Richard Pamplin (RP)	Cabonne Shire Council	
Robert Taylor (RT)	Mayor, Bathurst Regional Council	
Nick Redmond (NR)	Orange City Council	
Wayne Taylor (WT)	Regis Resources	
Kathryn Logan (KL)	Regis Resources	
Danielle Wallace (DW)	Regis Resources	
Rachel Healy (RH)	Regis Resources (Minutes)	
Apologies	Elizabeth Russ (ER)	Community Representative
	Paul Hancock (PH)	Community Rep (Alternate)
Next Meeting	14 August 2023	

Agenda item	Action
Meeting opened & Acknowledgement of Country	6:00pm
1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Russ, Paul Hancock (Alt) Elizabeth Russ sent her thanks to David Johnson for his contribution to the CCC over the years be minuted. Introduction: Nick Redmond, new Orange City Council representative
2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests	Mark Dicker (attached)
3. Business arising from previous minutes	Nil
4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange City Council re Nick Redmond joining the CCC Chair's resignation submitted to DPE via email Response to Miles Hedge's letter to IPC and Minister for Planning discussed – issues raised are covered by legislation. Members' questions (Belubula Headwaters Protection Group and Bruce Reynolds) submitted prior to the meeting are answered in the presentation and on pages 8 & 9 of these minutes.
5. McPhillamys Project update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current work focuses on drafting management plans and long-term scheduling
6. Other agenda items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation overview (draft plans) Draft Noise and Blast Management Plan (copy provided) Draft Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan (copy provided) Exploration look-ahead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides 4-8, discussion notes pg 4 Slides 9-13, discussion notes pp 4-5 Slides 14-17, discussion notes pp 5-6 Slides 22-3
7. General business	General discussion pp 6-7 Regis invited to attend the Canobolas RFS meeting as an observer (BR)
8. Questions sent prior to meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 8
9. Next meeting	Monday 14 August 2023 @ 6.00pm Blayney Community Centre
10. Meeting closed	8:30pm

	Action Items	Responsible	Due By
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for Monday 14 August 2023	Rachel Healy	Complete
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson	Kath Logan	19 June 2023
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Johnson	Tuesday 20 June
4	Deadline for CCC member feedback to Regis	All committee members	Monday 26 June

	Action Items	Responsible	Due By
5	Committee members provide comment on minutes to Chairperson	All committee members	Tues 4 July
6	Minutes finalised & posted on the McPhillamys Website	David Johnson Rachel Healy	Friday 9 July
7	Deadline for questions to Regis (to be answered at CCC Monday 14 August 2023)	Rachel Healy	COB Wednesday 9 August

The Chair, David Johnson noted that, as previously advised, he has decided to resign as Chair of the CCC as he has been in the role for nearly 5 years and as the planning and approval phase of the project has now finished, he believes it is a good time to hand over to a new Chairperson for the next stage. He thanked all CCC members for their contributions, behaviour and commitment to the CCC during that time, and noted that he has very much enjoyed the experience and appreciates the friendships he has made with all members during the period.

Regis staff provided a slide presentation which should be read alongside these minutes, and references are made in several places to information contained in specific slide numbers below.

Discussion notes

Draft management plans – consultation overview (slides 4-8)

General discussion: It is a condition that Regis must consider CCC feedback on the draft noise and air quality management plans.

CCC members can give Regis feedback on both draft management plans by email, phone or in person by Monday 26 June. Regis will run a Q&A session for members before 26 June if required. Members' feedback and Regis' response to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

In future, Regis will distribute early copies of the Rehabilitation Management Plan. The Social Impact Management Plan will be a much bigger piece of work that will need to be managed differently.

Draft Noise and Blast Management Plan (slides 10-13)

General discussion: Monitoring should represent sensitive receptor locations and clusters. The modelling contours in the EIS and Amendment reports show the areas most affected by noise. Placement is influenced by numerous factors including the results of the predictive modelling, representative locations for the worst predicated potential impacts, prevailing conditions etc.

The results of different types of noise monitoring build a dataset that shows trends. If negative trends appear, early action can be taken. The noise monitoring network is equipped to send alarm notifications to relevant personnel as soon as an exceedance is measured.

Staff can log in the monitoring network and listen to different monitoring points. Internal triggers will be set below compliance levels to allow for a responsive action to attempt to avoid potential exceedances.

Kings Plains has a background noise reading of 20-25dB but Regis only has to act when they exceed 40dB? (MH)

Information used for modelling in the EIS was collected at Kings Plains and other areas over an extended period of time and comprises day/evening/night readings. During the first six months of construction Regis is allowed to operate to higher noise levels, and then must adhere to lower noise levels thereafter. (DW)

We are the closest but there's no noise monitor proposed on our properties. (MH, RR)

CCC members who believe there should be noise monitors on their properties are encouraged to put their feedback in an email or ring Danielle Wallace who will discuss their feedback with them. (DJD)

Why isn't the extra noise monitor at Guyong Road on the map? (DS)

An additional noise monitor is still under consideration by Regis - we believe we have coverage in that area. We also will have a mobile noise monitor we can use if need be. (DW)

Will there be an attended monitoring schedule? (DS)

Yes. Attended monitoring involves a sound technician visiting the nominated locations once a month to take measurements three times in a 24-hour period (morning, evening and night). Property owners will be contacted about the monthly monitoring but the schedule will not be publicised. (DW/KL)

Does Regis have any intention of blasting within 500m of public infrastructure? (DS)

Regis does not intend to, and this is restricted under Consent Conditions. (CC B25) (DW)

Will there be one blast per day? (MH)

Consent conditions permit one blast/day, six days/week (Mon-Sat only) between 9am and 4pm. Regis is required to publicise blast times. (CC B24d) McPhillamys will average five blasts/week over the year. (CC B16) (DW)

Extra blasts are permitted under exceptional circumstances, for example if required for safety reasons. Affected people would be contacted under these circumstances. (CC B18) (DW)

Draft air quality and greenhouse gas management plan (slides 14-17)

Air quality monitoring includes consideration of particulate matter and other factors like odour. Similar to the noise network, the air quality monitoring network will be set up with internal trigger levels below compliance limits.

The currently proposed network comprises:

- One High-Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) to measure total suspended particles and base metals
- Seven real-time PM₁₀ monitors
- Two real-time PM_{2.5} monitors

Will there be a HVAS to the east of the site? (JB)

Originally Regis considered one HVAS at Kings Plains to be enough. In response to EPA feedback, we are considering installing a second one to the east of the site (DW)

Why are there only two PM_{2.5} monitors? Is it the expense? (BR)

Considerations included expense, visual impacts on property owners and that there was no need for additional measuring points. (DW)

Removing lead from water requires a 0.3 micron filter. Why is Regis not measuring particles that small? (Answered on notice) (JB)

The monitoring of ultrafine particles will be captured as part of the currently proposed air quality monitoring network for the Project. Ultrafine particles (often defined as less than 0.1 micrometre) are a subset of PM_{2.5} (i.e. particles less than 2.5 micrometres), rather than a completely unrelated air pollutant.

Further, it is noted that there are currently no ambient air quality methods specific for ultrafine particles that have Australian Standard certification. The proposed air quality monitoring network is configured in accordance with the NSW EPA *Approved Methods for sampling and analysis of air pollutants in NSW*, specifically the following documents:

- <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/air/21p3433-am-coded-methods-for-ambient-air-monitoring.pdf?la=en&hash=28A378880B0D40FF2797FF5B873C3F3DE519A441>
- <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/air/22p3489-ambient-air-monitoring-guidance-note.pdf?la=en&hash=59A256B65830F54AE183D29BAF42D34DB7CF99AD>

General discussion

Does Regis have any intention to do more exploration drilling on Jirri Jirri? (DS) You must have found something. (MH)

Not immediately. The result is encouraging but not overly high. (WT)

It is usual for mining companies to publish information about prospects on tenements they own. (KL)

Will the 18 Kings Plains landowners know when FID (Final Investment Decision) is made? (BR)

Yes. Negotiated Agreements need to be signed by close of business the day before the Board meeting at which FID will be made. Regis will advise all unsigned landowners in advance. (WT, KL)

Does the weather station report real-time to the website? (BR)

In future, the public will be able to log in to the McPhillamys website and see the feed. (KL)

Does the Government have a weather station in Blayney? (Answered on notice) (BR)

Yes, at 33.53°S 149.25°E. All Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) weather stations can be searched here <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/data/stations/>

Will there be a hotline for the community to report exceedances to? (BR)

Yes. (CC A13e ix) (DW)

Could the main entrance be completed before construction starts? (DS)

No, building the main entrance is part of construction. Conditions prohibit it being built prior to notification of commencement. (CC A5) (WT, DW)

How will Regis stop dust getting into water offsite e.g. the river? (TW) And what about the dust that leaves the site and is deposited on pastures then washed into streams and rivers? (CS)

McPhillamys is designed as a zero-discharge site so water cannot leave the site. Water flowing towards the project area will be diverted around the site and back into the river. The network of monitors around the site means total suspended particulates are measured in different areas. (DW)

And when the mine closes, how will the dust be stopped? (TW)

Discussed rehabilitation bond. (DW) Noted that this was discussed in detail at the September 2022 meeting – agreed to attach relevant information from that meeting to these minutes (see Appendix A). (KL)

How will seepage from the tailings dam be stopped? (TW)

The tailings dam will be capped and covered in the rehabilitation phase. The cap will comprise of thick rock, a layer of subsoil, a layer of topsoil, seed and revegetation. No dust will be exposed (DW)

If the void left by McPhillamys is not to be filled, the site will not be restored. Why would Regis not develop a Rehabilitation Management Plan that considers filling the void ? (CS)

Backfilling the hole would prolong earthmoving work by years and is sub economic. (DW)

Leaving the pit open also leaves open the opportunity to continue work in an already disturbed area. As technology develops, there will also be opportunities to use mine voids e.g. small-scale hydroelectric at Kidston Mine (WT)

Are there provisions in the rehabilitation plan to regenerate box woodlands? (CS)

Yes, this will be included in the Biodiversity Management Plan and the Rehabilitation Management Plan. (DW)

Will there be water testing downstream? (JB)

Yes, the Surface Water Management Plan will include multiple downstream monitoring points (flow, quality and ecology). Multiple agencies are involved. (DW)

Questions submitted prior

In the “Macquarie Conference Presentation” published to the ASX on 2nd May 2023, on page 9, where Regis is describing its gold intercepts at McPhillamys, it includes an image of the drilling results at Discovery Ridge, but also a second image of a location described as “Kings Plains” and “across the road at Kings Plains”. Can you please be more specific about this location? What property address is this on? (DS)
- See Slide 22

With the increase in incidents of neighbours of Cadia Mine experiencing hazardous levels of lead, nickel, arsenic, cadmium and mercury which far exceed state health guidelines in their water tanks and blood streams; a lot of which are further away from the operations at Cadia than the neighbours of McPhillamys; will Regis run regular testing for their neighbours to ensure contamination of their water tanks does not occur, and to ensure their drinking and household water remains within the health guidelines? (DS)
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Regis has not decided on whether tank water will be tested and if so, how. At the moment, we are watching what is happening in the broader region (DW)

Is there a signed agreement between Regis/LFB and the suppliers of the water from Lithgow? (DS)
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What activities are local staff currently doing on site? (BR)
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Are there still environmental plantings taking place? (BR)
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If the project was approved by the Regis Board, what is the timeframe for the new entrance? Have/are Transport for NSW currently being consulted? (BR)
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What is the proposed pathway for Dungeon Road and timeframe if approved by the Board? (BR)
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When do residents within the 2km boundary have to sign until to sign agreements? (BR)
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Has Regis purchased any equipment in anticipation of approval or since approval? (BR)
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How are staff currently traveling in getting the business case prepared for the board by the end of the year? (BR)
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Is there a timeline for construction of various aspects of the project once board approval is provided? (BR)

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At this early stage, are there any aspects that you are seeing where modifications may need to be made to the project? (BR)

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No but noted modifications are inevitable on large, long-term projects.

Will the compensation in the VPA be revised to reflect final capital cost of the project? (DS)

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Yes, it will be done when the capital cost is available to the market. (KL)

Wayne Taylor thanked the outgoing Chair David Johnson for his contribution to the Regis CCC. (WT)

APPENDIX 1

REHABILITATION BOND INFORMATION (CCC meeting 12 September 2022)

If the cost of rehabilitation exceeds the bond, can the company walk away? (DS)

Updating the bond amount is an operating requirement and rehabilitation bonds are regularly reviewed using the three year forward plan for rehabilitation. Progressive reassessment of rehabilitation and the associated security held by NSW Government prevents this situation from arising. (SO'D) There is also an online calculator that generates per hectare rehabilitation estimates. In Andrew Wannan's experience, the calculator is kept up to date to reflect changing costs. (AW)

What is the consequence of not doing rehabilitation? (DS)

The government will not allow relinquishment to happen – and return the bond - without all rehabilitation conditions being met in accordance with Mining Lease terms. Those conditions have not been finalised for McPhillamys. (SO'D)

Can companies take out insurance to cover any gap between the bond and the cost of rehabilitation? (CS)

That is what the bond and revision process do. Note that the bonds can run into hundreds of millions of dollars and are reviewed periodically. (AW) The EPA also has powers to protect the environment in addition to the Resources Regulator. (SO'D)

APPENDIX 2 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST



Mon 5/06/2023 6:17 PM

Mark Dicker <MDicker@blayney.nsw.gov.au>

[EXTERNAL] : McPhillamys CCC - 5 June 2023 - Declaration of non-pecuniary interests

To David Johnson; Rachel Healy; Kathryn Logan

CAUTION: This message was sent from outside the organisation. Please do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the source of this email and know the content is safe.

Hi David, Rachel and Kath,

As disclosed at tonight's CCC, since the previous meeting, I have become aware of 2 non-pecuniary interests;

1. **Catering for tonight's McPhillamys CCC.**

- a. I note food has previously not been provided at the CCC, however tonight food has been provided by Ironbark Espresso.
- b. My wife is the owner (sole Director) of Ironbark Espresso.

2. **Regis Resources donation to Blayney Netball.**

- I have only recently been informed that Regis Resources have provided sponsorship to the Blayney Netball Association for new balls.
- a. I have 3 daughters involved with Blayney Netball.

Thanks Mark

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