



## Project Update

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## Rehabilitation

We are often asked about rehabilitation of the mine site once operations finish.

At McPhillamys, rehabilitation will be continuous over the life of the project. The aim of the project's rehabilitation strategy is to return disturbed land to a condition that is stable and sustainable for post-mining use.

After mining operations finish, there will be another three years of work to complete rehabilitation of the site. That rehabilitation work will include:

- Removal of buildings, concrete foundations, equipment and other infrastructure
- Remediation of any contaminated areas
- Recontouring of landforms to form stable gradients
- Replacement of topsoil to enable replanting of trees and pasture.

The final void (the open pit area) will be banded and fenced off to prevent access.

## Rehabilitation bond

All holders of mining licences are required to lodge a rehabilitation security deposit with the NSW Government Resources Regulator.

The security deposit equals the full cost of rehabilitation if the licence holder does not complete rehabilitation.

McPhillamys, like all mining licence holders must prepare and implement short - and medium - term plans including:

- Rehabilitation Management Plan
- Annual Rehabilitation Report
- Three-year Forward Program.

The security deposit is reviewed regularly over the life of the mine to make sure it is sufficient to cover rehabilitation costs based on these three plans.

In 2020, the NSW Government held \$3.2B in rehabilitation bonds which will be returned to the licence holders when:

- Rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria are met
- Final landform and final land use are in place.

The Regulator has a range of tools to ensure that appropriate rehabilitation is carried out. Calling on a security deposit is a last resort.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about rehabilitation.



Top: Regis plants trees along Dungeon Road, Kings Plains in 2019.

Bottom: Regis' Stacey McFawn and Sarah Parfett inspect the same tree line five years later.