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Dear Ms Clementine,

McPhillamys Gold Mine Project (SSD 9505) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EIS for the McPhillamys Gold Mine Project (SSD 9505). The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) puts forward the following comments:

- FCNSW is currently in negotiation with the proponent in relation to the proposed pipeline through Ben Bullen, Sunny Corner and Vittoria State forests. This includes a permit for survey work and preliminary site proofing; an agreement for compensation for damage to the estate and the creation of easements. FCNSW is satisfied with the progress of current negotiations and processes.
- **Part E Impact assessment – pipeline development 31.2.1 Bushfire.** FCNSW requests to be consulted on part of the CEMP that addresses bushfire management.
- **Appendix J – Surface Water, Section 4.1.3** addresses flooding in relation to the mine and states “The proposed clean water diversion dams are the most notable area where inundation of land will increase during the operational period of the mine development...” As several dams are proposed on the boundary with Vittoria State forest, FCNSW would like to see modelling of the inundation area to determine the potential effects on the plantation and further discuss inundation management.
- **Appendix Z Pipeline ACHA Section 9.2.2.1.** FCNSW requests to be notified of the outcome of final artefact location for those previously within State forest following the construction of the pipeline.
- **Appendix EE Bushfire Risk and Hazard Assessment 5.8.2 Emergency response plan** point 2. FCNSW requests to be included in notification of any accidental ignition (following notification to RFS and FRNSW). FCNSW also requests to be consulted for the Bushfire Management Plan.

Yours Sincerely,



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