

1822643: LGS
Economic Development and Environment



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Dear Mandana,

McPhillamys Gold Mine Project (SSD 18_9505), Response to Submissions and Amended Report

I refer to the abovementioned project and your request for response to submissions and an Amended Report for the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD 18_9505) for developing an open cut mine and a water supply pipeline.

As previously noted, McPhillamys Gold project is proposed to be located 8km northeast of Blayney with the proposed Pipeline Development to consist of a pipeline and ancillary infrastructure to transfer water from Centennial's Angus Place Colliery, Springvale Coal Services Operations (SCSO) and Energy Australia's Mt Piper Power Station (MPPS) operations. The pipeline will be approximately 90km in length.

Council considers that the Amended Report adequately highlights the relevant issues, and has no objection to the project.

In relation to the response to submissions, Council notes the following and makes the following recommendations:

Approval to Carry out Works within Council's Road Reserve

As per Council's previous correspondence, the assessment covers issues of construction and rehabilitation in Council's road reserves. Actual permission to construct and any commercial legal arrangements (e.g. licence) will need to be discussed and agreed to separately with the proponent. Council would ask that this be reflected in the conditions of consent.

Portland Cemetery

Council is satisfied with the response in relation to vibration monitoring to be undertaken if vibration equipment/generating works are within 50m of the Cemetery, Council recommends that this be also conditioned on the consent.

Emergency Management

Council is satisfied with the response in relation to circumstances if there was a pipe leak. Council recommends that conditions in this regard be placed on the consent.

Survey Plans

As per Council's previous letter and prior to works commencing, the applicant is to submit to Council a survey plan as to the exact location of the pipeline. The plan is to include any potential services and infrastructure in the vicinity and the zone of influence from these services.

Air Quality

Council is satisfied with the response in relation to dust and air quality during construction.

Traffic Management Plan

Council is satisfied with the response in relation to traffic management during construction.

Engineering Requirements

Council is satisfied with the response to Council's Engineering requirements (maintenance bond, work as executed plans, soil and rehabilitation and the Draft Lithgow Roadside Vegetation Management Plan) and recommends that these are conditioned on the consent and detailed within the CEMP.

Pipeline Development Decommissioning

Council is satisfied with the response that the pipeline will remain in the ground and could be potentially used, subject to approval, after the closure of the mine, by future developments or resources.

Pipeline Water Supply

Council previously requested an information session with Centennial Coal outlining the water issues and the sources for this development. This information session is yet to be undertaken; therefore Council is unable to comment further on these concerns until this has been undertaken.

After the information session has been undertaken, Council may wish to make a further submission to the project in this respect.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lauren Stevens between 8:15am and 11:00am Monday to Friday on (02) 63549999, in Council's Economic Development and Environment should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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DEVELOPMENT MANAGER