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Dear Ms Mazaheri,

McPhillamys Gold Mine Project (SSD 9505) Submissions Report

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

- FCNSW is satisfied with the response to our submission, however, we are seeking further confirmation from Regis on clean water management (S2.9.2 iii) in relation to inundation and possible effect on Vittoria State forest. At the time of this advice, Regis had responded to queries and was continuing to provide requested information.
- Table 3.1 Row 2 "NSW Department of Primary Industry – Forestry. Email correspondence. Consultation to confirm extent of clean water inundation of Vittoria State forest." This did not occur and FCNSW was not consulted following our submission. We are only now in correspondence to confirm the extent of inundation, subsequent to the release of the Submissions Report.
- Several sections (see below) mention plantation forestry (private) or Vittoria State forest in relation to a buffer or screening. FCNSW would like to emphasise these forests are a commercial venture and are harvested from time to time. To rely on private plantation forestry or State forest plantation trees as a screen/buffer is not appropriate

Section 4.10 I states there is "...some screening from the Vittoria State forest between the location [Beekeepers Inn] and the project area northern boundary".

Section 5.8.1 final paragraph "Significant screening is provided by the extensive areas of plantation forestry in the east of the PVC...."

Section 5.10.5 paragraph 5 "... the property will not have any views of the mine, with significant vegetation in the Vittoria State forest in between. Therefore, adverse amenity impacts on this tourism business are not anticipated."

Kind regards,



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