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Dear Ms Mazaheri,

McPhillamys Gold Mine Project (SSD 9505) Amendment Report

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

- FCNSW does not expect any changes to the progress of negotiation, due to the Amendment Report, of the pipeline construction through Ben Bullen, Sunny Corner and Vittoria State forests and we are satisfied with current progress.
- FCNSW is satisfied the amendments to the Project address the concerns raised in 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 5.1 Row 7 "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 Amendment Report.
- Section 6.13.1 iv e - VP5 1st paragraph "Thick plantation pine forests to the north of the Mid Western Highway also limit view angles in this location". FCNSW would like to emphasise that plantation pine forests, whether private or State forest, 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.

Kind regards,



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