

## MINING, EXPLORATION & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Brittany

**Project: McPhillamys Gold Project**  
**Stage: Advice on Response to Submissions - Amendment Report**  
**Development Application: SSD-9505**

I refer to your correspondence dated 8 September 2020 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on Amendment Report submitted for the McPhillamys Gold Project (the Project). The proposal is submitted by Regis Resources Limited (the Proponent or Regis).

The relevant units internal to MEG have been consulted in generating this advice. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Proponent should be aware that matters concerning subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator, safety, rehabilitation and environmental impacts of final landform design are not assessed by MEG and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

MEG has reviewed the amended information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and is satisfied with the information provided by the Proponent.

MEG has determined that should the project be approved, efficient and optimised resource outcomes can be achieved, and any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

MEG recommends that Regis continue to check the Department's *MinView* website to identify any potential title applications intersected by the amended pipeline portion of the project (once final routes are determined).

There are no resource sterilisation issues to raise at this stage regarding the project amendments. MEG requests to be advised of the locations for any proposed biodiversity offset areas (if required) to ensure no resource land is compromised.

MEG also requests to review the draft conditions of approval before finalisation and any granting of development consent.

For further enquiries and advice concerning this matter, please contact Scott Anson, Manager, Assessment Coordination Unit – Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6972 or [assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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for  
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