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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Via Major Projects Portal

**EPA's Recommended Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Water supply pipeline- SSI-99419963**

Dear Mandana

I am writing in response to your request for the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA's) Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the McPhillamys Gold Infrastructure water pipeline - SSI-99419963 (Proposal).

The EPA has reviewed the *McPhillamys Gold Infrastructure Project – Water Supply Pipeline - Scoping Report*, prepared by Regis Resources Limited, dated November 2025.

The EPA understands the proposal is for:

- The construction of a water supply pipeline approximately 90km in length, from the Angus Place Colliery to the McPhillamys Gold Project.
- Construction of pumping station facility including water storage tanks and temporary construction laydown areas.
- The use of progressive trenching and underboring activities for the laying of pipeline and backfilling.

Based on the information provided, the EPA is not the appropriate regulatory authority for this proposal. This is because:

- the proposal does not constitute a Scheduled Activity under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and so, will not require an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) under this Act.
- the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority, nor are there activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.
- the site is not being regulated by the EPA under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997.

The EPA has considered the details of the proposal and provides the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) with points for consideration in **Attachment A**.

Additionally, the EPA recommends to DPHI that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) consider the other proposed developments in line with the McPhillamys Gold Project (MGP), such as the SSI-99418956 for the Integrated Waste Landform and SSI-99421458 for the Electricity Transmission Line. The EIS should outline the interaction between the following SSIs: 99421458, 99418956 and 99419963 for their construction and operation in relation to the MGP.

The EPA does not require any follow-up consultation and Blayney Shire, Cabonne, and Bathurst Regional Councils should be consulted as the appropriate regulatory authority (ARA) for the POEO Act in relation to the proposal. However, the EPA would be the ARA if the proposal is deemed to require an EPL during the EIS stage. The EPA has no additional comments on the proposal.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Nick Vlasoff via email at environmentprotection.planning@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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ATTACHMENT A

EPA's Recommended Assessment Requirements McPhillamys Water supply pipeline- SSI-99419963

It is recommended the following information is considered in the assessment.

Construction Noise - An assessment of construction noise impacts in accordance with the *Interim Construction Noise Guidelines* (Department of Environment and Climate Change 2009).

Water Quality – Documentation of erosion and sediment controls to be used during construction in accordance with *Managing Urban Stormwater Soil and Construction Volume 2A Installation of Services* (Department of Environment and Climate Change 2008).

Waste – Documentation of all aspects of waste generation, management and disposal associated with the proposed development to demonstrate compliance with all regulatory requirements of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act* (1997) and associated waste regulations. All wastes imported onto the site or generated at the site must be identified, characterised and classified in accordance with the *Waste Classification Guidelines Part 1: Classifying Waste* (EPA 2014).

Contamination – An assessment of site contamination in accordance with the *Consultants Reporting on Contaminated Land: Contaminated Land Guidelines* (EPA 2020). If a Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) identifies that a Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) or other further assessments are required, this additional information should be provided as part of the assessment. The risk of disturbing acid sulfate soils should be assessed in accordance with the *Acid Sulfate Soil Manual* (NSW Acid Sulfate Soil Management Advisory Committee 1998).

Air Quality – Documentation of the controls that will be used to manage dust emissions during construction.