

LGS: Development

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Dear Mandana,

**McPhillamys Water Supply Pipeline (SSI-99419963)
Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

Thank you for the notification received 14 November 2025 in regard to the request to prepare the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the McPhillamys Water Supply Pipeline.

Council understands that the McPhillamys Gold Infrastructure Project (**MGIP**) comprises three infrastructure components as listed on page 1 of the Scoping Report. One of the infrastructure components is a proposed Water Supply Pipeline between Angus Place Colliery and the McPhillamys Gold Project located approximately 8 kilometres north-east of Blayney in central-western New South Wales, which is the subject of the Scoping Report for the SEARs.

We understand the proposal (SSI-99419963) is for an alternative pipeline alignment, to replace the water supply pipeline (which is subject to a separate approval – SSD 9505).

Council considers the Scoping Report for the project highlights the relevant potential impacts, but requests the following matters be addressed in more detail in the Environmental Impact Statement:

1. Approval to Carry out Works within Council's Road Reserve

The proponent is required to obtain approvals under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993* in relation to any proposed works or structures on roads, including road reserves.

The proponent is required to enter a contract with Council in relation to use of public roads vested in Council. Such contract may be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment under section 149 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

2. Portland Cemetery

The Portland Cemetery (Heritage Listed under Council's Local Environmental Plan 2014) is located directly adjacent to the proposed pipeline. There is the potential that the cemetery could be indirectly impacted upon during the construction process.

Council requests that the EIS outlines the proposed management and monitoring strategies that will be implemented to protect and monitor the heritage listed cemetery throughout the construction stage. Additionally, vibration monitoring and reports should be undertaken if vibration equipment/generating works are within 50m of the Cemetery.

3. Emergency Management

There is potential for pipelines to leak or break.

Council requests that the EIS includes a comprehensive strategy to manage faulty pipelines, including regular inspections, risk-based maintenance, and both preventative and corrective repairs. Such strategy should include details of responsible parties, emergency contact details. The plan is to be submitted to Council prior to commencement of works on the pipeline.

4. Air Quality

Council requests that the EIS demonstrate the measures proposed to eliminate/suppress any dust nuisance emanating from the Water Supply Pipeline project area. Council recommends this includes an onsite sprinkler and/or water truck being available at all times during construction works. Trucks are to be covered with a tarp or other material that would prevent dust emissions when leaving the vicinity.

5. Engineering Requirements

Council requests that the EIS acknowledges the following Council requirements:

- a. A fully certified traffic control plan and road works signage whilst construction work is being undertaken. A traffic control plan and certification of fully qualified contractors/persons.
- b. A maintenance bond, that is agreeable by both parties for the pipeline project, shall be paid to Council for any potential damage to Council's road reserve and infrastructure.
- c. A "Work-As-Executed" (WAE) plan is required to be prepared by a Registered Surveyor or professional engineer and forwarded to Council. The WAE is to include, as a minimum:
 - certification that all works have been completed generally in accordance with the approved plans and specification,
 - any departure from the approved plans,
 - any additional/deleted work,
 - the location of conduits, subsoil lines, stub mains and inter-allotment drainage lines,
 - pipeline long sections showing the constructed invert levels of each pipe at each pit and pipe dimensions,
 - details of overland flow provisions,
 - site regrading areas by new contours, and
 - all other details which have a bearing on the extent of works and their acceptance by Council.
- d. The applicant shall submit a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan for Council approval. The plan must address both short and long term management of all disturbed areas and specified methods and structures to be employed to minimise any impact.
- e. All fill for the trenches shall be clean material; no foreign building materials or contamination of the soil will be permissible for the filling of this land or access creation. Contamination testing may be required to be submitted to Council for assessment and approval.

- f. All filled areas must be compacted to a minimum 95% standard, with certification from a NATA registered laboratory.
- g. Any excess fill waste shall be removed from the site and disposed of at an appropriately licensed facility. No earthworks will be permitted to be taken to any other property or location without prior approval from Council.
- h. A Rehabilitation Management Plan is to be submitted to Council prior to any works commencing within Council's Road Reserves.

6. Noise Assessment

A noise assessment for the construction work is to be undertaken and submitted with the EIS.

7. Purple Copper Butterfly

The Purple Copper Butterfly is local to the project area and associated roads.

A biodiversity assessment report including investigation of potential impacts on the Purple Copper Butterfly and/or its habitat must be undertaken and submitted with the EIS.

8. Decommissioning of pipeline

Council requests that the EIS address the proposal for the pipeline once it is no longer needed for the McPhillamys Gold Mine Project. In particular, is it proposed that the pipeline will be decommissioned and the pipeline route be rehabilitated or is it proposed that the pipeline be assigned to a third party operator (in which case, the approval of Council will be required)?

Please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Stevens who is available Monday to Friday on (02) 63549999, in Council's Development Department should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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