15th October 2019 Mrs Wendy Lavelle 53 Alcheringa Road KELSO NSW 2795

STATEMENT OF OBJECTION FOR MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT SSD-9505

It is with regret that I am forced to write this submission of objection. As a born and bred Australian, I am very proud of our country and very upset that the land in question is about to be destroyed for the sack of a gold mine!!!! I am certainly not against progress or mining. But the land in question is a beautiful part of our central west and if for some reason the people reading this submission have not taken the opportunity to view this land, please do so urgently!!!

Another aspect is the need for water for this Mine. As we are all aware Australia is in desperate need of water not only now for this drought but as we all know droughts are a continuous worry for us here in this beautiful country of ours. It doesn't make sense to allow the water that is supposedly coming from a coal mine dewatering, waste water from a coal mine and salt water derived from Mt Piper Power station to be stored anywhere near the tributaries to the Belubula River or any natural water way for that matter!!!!!

I am not sure that Regis have really taken into account the surrounding and nearby neighbours that have made their life a part of Kings Plains.

We do have family who have set themselves up at Kings Plains unbeknowns to the mine starting up there. It is quite devastating to the see the houses popping up in Kings Plains and that the Authorities have allowed this to happen knowing that a mine is hoping to set up within one to two kilometres.!!!!

We visit our daughter, son in law and grandchildren quite regularly and enjoy the time with them so much. The land is just amazing but I am sure if you took the time to see what they see from their house, you would think the same way.

If the Mine were to be passed. Our daughter and her family will be unable to live a normal life as they are right there, 1 km from the mine entrance and if that should happen, they will never be able to open their windows for fresh air, use their tank water for personal use, have a Vegetable patch etc. they will have constant thumping in the ground from the mine. And of a night it will be lit up like a small city. I think it very unfair that people should have to be rethinking

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their future when they have just set themselves up for their future. Our son in law has MS and therefore they have established their home and made it to accommodate his needs whenever his symptoms take a turn for the worse.

The mine says it will be safe, but we all know the real consequences when it comes to any mine and the fall out within atleast 14 kilometres from any mine.

That only spells **DEVASTATION** in a big way, and should the mine go ahead, they say the expectant life of this mine is about ten years and then we have a useless piece OF WHAT!!!! DIRT that is good for **NOTHING.**

PLEASE THINK TWICE ABOUT THIS MINE. We as Australians need to preserve out Country.

Regards

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