

1722545: LGS
Economic Development and Environment



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Dear Mandana,

McPhillamy's Gold Mine Project (SSD 18_9505), Response to Application

I refer to the abovementioned project and your request for submissions for the proposed McPhillamy's Gold Project (SSD 18_9505) for developing an open cut mine and a water supply pipeline. Comments on Lithgow Council's position have been sought from Councillors but it is appreciated that the Department is keen to progress the matter. Consequently, it would be appreciated if the following may be considered as an initial submission but a supplementary submission may still be forwarded following the Council meeting of 25 November 2019.

It is noted that McPhillamy's Gold project is proposed to be located 8km northeast of Blayney with the proposed Pipeline Development to consist of a pipeline and ancillary infrastructure to transfer water from Centennial's Angus Place Colliery, Springvale Coal Services Operations (SCSO) and Energy Australia's Mt Piper Power Station (MPPS) operations. The pipeline will be approximately 90km in length.

Council considers the Environmental Assessment adequately highlights the relevant issues, noting most of the issues will be local in nature and more relevant to another local government authority. As per Council's previous letter dated 21 August 2018, the assessment covers issues of construction and rehabilitation in Council's road reserves. Actual permission to construct and any commercial arrangements (e.g. licence) will need to be discussed and agreed to separately with the proponent. Council would ask that this be reflected in the conditions of consent if the development is approved.

In addition to the above and if the development is approved, Council recommends that the following conditions are placed on the consent in relation to the pipeline component of the project:

1. 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. Management and monitoring strategies shall be implemented and submitted to Council as to how the cemetery will be protected and monitored throughout the construction stage.
2. An emergency Management and Monitoring plan addressing the potential impacts such as leaks and breakages shall be prepared. The plan is to detail responsible parties, emergency contact details and noise and lighting impact mitigation. The plan is to be submitted to Council prior to the commencement of works on the pipeline.

3. Prior to works commencing, the applicant is to submit to Council a survey plan as to the exact location of the pipeline. The plan is to include any potential services and infrastructure in the vicinity and the zone of influence from these services.

Dust

4. The applicant shall ensure that during construction works all measures are taken to eliminate/suppress any dust nuisance emanating from the pipeline project area. 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.

Engineering Requirements

5. A fully certified traffic control plan and road works signage will be required where machinery may obstruct traffic on any Public Road whilst construction work is being undertaken. A traffic control plan and certification of fully qualified contractors/persons will be required to be submitted to Council prior to any work commencing. Failure to comply may result in Work Cover Intervention and may also include Council stopping all work immediately until such time the developer complies with suitable traffic management procedures.

6. 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 prior of commencement of work.

7. 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.

8. Construction noise shall be in accordance with the 'Noise Control Guidelines for Construction Noise Standards'. Hours of operation shall be permitted between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am and 1pm Saturdays. No heavy machinery work or usage shall be permitted on Sundays or Public Holidays.

9. The applicant shall submit a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan with the engineering design for Council approval. Such shall address both short and long term management of all disturbed areas and specified methods and structures to be employed to minimise any impact.

10. A Rehabilitation Management Plan is to be submitted to Council prior to any works commencing within Council's Road Reserves.

11. 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 maybe required to be submitted to Council for assessment and approval.

12. All filled areas must be compacted to a minimum 95% standard, with certification from a NATA registered laboratory.

13. 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.

14. All works within the public road reserves shall take place having regard to the Draft Lithgow Roadside Vegetation Management Plan dated 1 May 2019

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lauren Stevens between 8:15am and 11:00am Monday to Friday on (02) 63549999, in Council's Economic Development and Environment should you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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