

10th October 2019

Department of Planning and Environment
Via NSW Major Project Portal

McPhillamy Gold Project (SSD-9505)

Dear Sir/Madam,

WesTrac NSW would like to register their support for the McPhillamy Gold Project (SSD-9505).

When approved this project will create a positive mining environment in the local region. The estimated of 788 direct and indirect jobs created during full operation, will contribute both a direct economic benefit and a less measurable social benefit to the local communities in the adjoining local government areas.

The estimated \$150M in royalties and company taxes will benefit the state and federal governments and provide funds for vital government projects. This is an additional \$202M in residual producer surplus.

WesTrac are the Caterpillar dealer for NSW and the ACT, and we directly employ over 1300 people in NSW, of whom approximately 1150 are employed outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Our workforce includes professional, trades and support staff, working in the mining and construction industries. We also have a large apprenticeship training program, helping develop the tradespeople of the future. The mining operation at McPhillamy will enable us to expand our local workforce, to provide onsite support, field service, workshops parts and administrative activities in Bathurst & Blayney Local Government areas, in addition to our other sites at Newcastle.

The Regis Group (Regis) are a major WesTrac WA customer and we have extensive engagements with them at their operations in WA. WesTrac welcomes their move into the NSW mining market. In addition to direct employment opportunities, WesTrac has continued to invest in high end technology to support all our other mining customers. In the last 12 months we have spent \$15m on capital equipment to expand our technical support capacity to our mining customers. Approval of new developments, such as this one, will provide us with the certainty to make these investments and provide ongoing skilled employment opportunities in regional NSW.

WesTrac supports the ongoing role of a diversified mining industry in NSW. Base and precious metals are an important requirement in our modern high-tech future and we must work together to ensure that Australia remains a world leading supplier of these materials.

Yours faithfully,



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