

I wish to put in a submission in relation the McPhillamys Gold Project which is approximately 1300metres from our property as advised by Regis Resources at a community consultation.

Regis Resources has held many community consultations, provided newsletters and organised for the social impact representatives to visit us. Regis Resources representatives have also visited, earlier in the planning process (2 years ago) took us for a site visit. We believe the mine will bring economic benefits including much needed employment and growth to Blayney Shire which we welcome. The job and business opportunities for the shire will be beneficial and look forward to locals being given great opportunities for jobs and being able to stay and work within the area and being able to live close by their families instead of having to relocate to larger centres.

We are concerned though about the impact that it will have on our property, our lifestyle and the possible future impact on decrease or resale value of our property. We currently agist part of our property to a small vegetable farmer and agist paddocks for horses. We have concerns about the future water supply and the possible loss of water as the mine draws upon the water from the water-table.. Even though we are in drought conditions now we have not experienced in the last 15 years any lack of water issues for our small property and hope that this will not be effected in anyway once the mine commences. Regis Resources have advised us several times that they will monitor our bore but to date have never come forth with this which is disappointing and gives a negative vibe. At a community consultation the water experts did show us on a map that they are monitoring several bores within our area though. At a meeting we were also advised that Regis would provide us with a letter to guarantee our water supply, this has never come to fruition.

We are also concerned about the water supply that maybe captured by the mine but do not know enough about the water supply flowing into Carcoar Dam. Will the mine be capturing this water and therefore the dam may not fill. We know the dam is currently low in the current drought conditions. We are under the impression though that Regis are taking appropriate measures to ensure this water supply is not effected which is a positive outcome.

Above we mentioned property values. Regis was included in the Cadia Open Day Event and a Cadia Representative that we chatted to advised us that the mine will increase the value of the properties within the Kings Plains area. Maybe Regis could do property valuations to provide residents with some sort of reassurance as the EIS advises Regis will not be entering into voluntary purchase agreements with any near neighbours. Obviously if property values do increase then residents nearby would not be disadvantaged and this would be another positive outcome.

Dust, air and land pollution, noise and night lighting from the 24/7/365 mining and processing operation with blasting, ground vibration occurring daily. These are concerns as we have family living at our property who have medical issues particularly with asthma and lung conditions. Regis have advised us that the wind will blow in the opposite direction. Whether this is the case there will still be particles of dust and air pollution from the mine within the air in the whole of the Kings Plains and Blayney areas. Regis have advised that we will not experience any excessive

noise it will keep within the noise level which is already in the area eg the traffic. Although the noise level may not exceed what is already there now the noise from the mine site will be constant and continual noise 24/7 not just a truck or car passing by. Particularly at night when the traffic on the MWH is currently low and we currently do not hear much at all.

Cadia mine has continual dust issues for both employees and residents within the area. Only 2 weeks ago if you drove past Cadia mine site you could see the extent of the cloud of dust covering the area kilometres from the mine site.

At a community consultation meeting Tony McPaul measured on a map the distance our property was to the mine site advising approx. 1300m he then advised that we will have an impact and organised for the social impact ladies to visit us. In more recent meetings we have been advised that we will have no impact whatsoever – this is unbelievable and again we feel a let down as a nearby resident.

When meeting with Regis recently we asked if some trees could possibly be planted along our boundary or our neighbours boundary to help with the noise and dust but was advised that trees do not assist with noise issues.

Another positive is that Regis do have very approachable and friendly staff who are accommodating when requesting meetings.

We hope the mine is fair and reasonable to all of its neighbouring properties with dealing with the impact and not just push them aside. We have faith that Regis in the long term will address and take all reasonable measures to keep our lifestyle as close to what it is now.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.