

McPhillamys Gold Project

CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #23	
Meeting Date	6pm, Monday 14 August 2023	
Venue	Blayney Community Centre	
Meeting Attendees	David Ross (DR)	Independent Chair
	Jordan Butler (JB)	Community Representative
	Miles Hedge (MH)	Community Representative
	Peter Hildenbeutel (PH)	Community Representative
	Elizabeth Russ (ER)	Community Representative
	Robert (Bob) Russ (RR)	Community Representative (Alternate – Paul Hancock)
	Daniel Sutton (DS)	BHPG Representative
	Cyril Smith (CS)	ORWSA Representative
	Bruce Reynolds (BR)	Community Representative (Alternate)
	Mark Dicker (MD)	GM, Blayney Council
	Richard Pamplin (RP)	Cabonne Shire Council
	Robert Taylor (RT)	Mayor, Bathurst Regional Council
	Nick Redmond (NR)	Orange City Council
	Wayne Taylor (WT)	Regis Resources
	Kathryn Logan (KL)	Regis Resources
	Danielle Wallace (DW)	Regis Resources
	Louise Hobby (LH)	Regis Resources (Minutes)
Apologies	Paul Hancock (PH)	Community Rep (Alternate)
	Tom Williams (TW)	Community Representative
Next Meeting	20 November 2023	

Agenda item	Action
Meeting opened & Acknowledgement of Country	6:01pm
1. Apologies	See above.
2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests	DR is paid a fee to chair the meeting.
3. Business arising from previous minutes	Nil Previous minutes endorsed by committee.
4. Correspondence	Questions forwarded by DS to Regis. Answers to be provided during project update.
5. McPhillamys Project update	Presentation from Regis - should be read alongside these minutes.
6. Introduction to revised CCC guidelines	Presentation from DR – should be read alongside these minutes.
7. General business	Suggestion from DR at next meeting to split into groups then comeback to provide feedback.
8. Questions sent prior to meeting	Two questions on notice to be answered in minutes for this meeting (in relation to naturally occurring asbestos and contents of waste rock).
9. Next meeting	Monday 20 November 2023 @ 6.00pm Blayney Community Centre
10. Meeting closed	7:39pm

	Action Items	Responsible	Due By
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for Monday 20 November 2023	Louise Hobby	Complete
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson	Kath Logan	Complete
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Ross	Monday 21 st August
4	Committee members provide comment on minutes to Chairperson	All committee members	Monday 28 th August
5	Minutes finalised & posted on the McPhillamys Website	David Ross Rachel Healy	Monday 4 th September
6	Deadline for community questions to be answered at November CCC	David Ross	Monday 6 th November
7	Regis to distribute copies of draft SIMP to members if it is ready.	Rachel Healey	Monday 6 November
8	Future presentations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community activities slide Monitoring slide	Kath Logan, Danielle Wallace	Monday 20 November
9	Community Member application evaluation (DR to speak to DPE about spreadsheet)	David Ross	Monday 20 November

Discussion notes

What is the permeability of the TSF membrane and what is the risk, likelihood and timeframe for seepage? (CS)

The technical criteria for seepage is equivalent to 10^{-9} m/s. Coupled with design features, seepage into the river is not anticipated. (WT)

Modelling forecast over a 500-year period shows that any seepage will be consistent with ANZECC (Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council) standards and not affect people, livestock or the environment.

When will the Environmental Management Strategy be published on the McPhillamys website? (DS)

Regis to confirm with DPE when approved environmental management plans are required to be published. (This information will be provided at the November 2023 meeting.)

What other federal approvals are needed? (MH)

Under the EPBC Act Consent there is a requirement for a Biodiversity Management Plan, which is captured in the state required Biodiversity Management Plan. (DW)

Are there any other federal requirements? Is the Section 10 satisfied? (CS)

No, the Section 10 application remains ongoing. The last round of submissions closed in May 2023. We are still awaiting the determination and outcome. (DW)

Who are the consultants on the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP)? (MD)

CDM Smith are the suitably qualified experts assisting to prepare the SIMP. The CCC, Kings Plains residents and the broader community will be consulted. All feedback will be collated into a report and responses to all feedback detailed. (DW)

Are all the plans required for the project in this list? (MH)

Yes all plans required under the Development Consent are listed. However, additional internal plans will also be prepared e.g. soil stripping plan (DW)

Who will be chairing the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry? (MH)

Dr Amanda Cohn, a GP who was elected in March 2023.

Questions on notice

Can Regis please confirm the consultants used for testing the mine site for Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA)? Can they please also publish the reports and material in relation to the testing carried out and results thereof for the exposure and risk of Asbestos over the mine site area? Given the NSW Government Natural Occurring Asbestos Map shows high risk over the area, the data and reports showing there are no traces of Asbestos in the mine site should be published to demonstrate to the public this has been adequately examined and there is no risk.

Naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) was extensively considered during the assessment process. As described in Section 5.5.5 of the Submissions Report, Regis has undertaken a review of the mine development project area, in conjunction with information and mapping on the potential presence of geological materials that have potential to include NOA. This review identified that the mine development is within intermediate rocks of the Anson formation (categorized as low potential for NOA).

The intermediate-mafic rock unit in the southern portion of the deposit from the surface may contain NOA. This unit has been extensively drilled and the majority of the material falls outside of the ore zone. It is noted that the unit constitutes less than 1% of the total rock mass proposed to be mined.

Nonetheless, there is the potential for asbestos fibres in NOA to be released to air within dust generated during project-related disturbance works. Potential health impacts associated with exposure to NOA derived from the project have been considered as part of the Health Impact Assessment (Appendix E of the Submissions Report).

As described in the Submissions Report (Section 5.5.1), based on available data and information on the mine development's potential emissions of dust, naturally occurring asbestos, metals and metalloids, nitrogen dioxide and hydrogen cyanide, the Health Impact Assessment (Appendix E to the Submission Report) concluded that there are no health risk issues of concern relevant to the mine development.

Further, the maximum exposure concentrations of NOA relevant to the project were compared with World Health Organisation (WHO) guideline values in Table 4.1 of Appendix E. The results indicate that the maximum predicted exposure concentrations (despite the conservative assumptions used) are below the adopted guideline values from the WHO. Hence risks associated with potential exposure to NOA in air as a result of the project are considered to be low and acceptable.

Notwithstanding, Regis will actively monitor NOA in sections of the pit where the geology indicates it may occur.

The health and safety of onsite workers will be managed separately through application of the NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and NSW Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013. Regis will follow appropriate procedures for naturally occurring asbestos as recommended by SafeWork NSW and in accordance with Regis' naturally occurring asbestos procedure. This procedure will include an ongoing monitoring of workplaces, training programs/employee education and appropriate Safe Work Procedures.

Could Regis please provide a breakdown of the contents in the ore to be mined that won't be processed? In particular, the contents/makeup of the material which will form the waste rock walls, amenity bunds, and top soil?

This question will be answered at the November 2023 meeting.