McPhillamys Gold Project CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #35	
Meeting Date	6.00 pm, Monday 21 September 2026	
Venue	Cadia Room, Blayney Shire Community Centre	
Meeting Attendees	**David Ross (DR)**	Independent Chair
	Yurinda Davies (YD)	Minute Taker
	Elizabeth Russ (ER)	Community Representative
	Miles Hedge (MH)	Community Representative
	Rosemary Reid (RR)	Community Representative
	Robert (Bob) Russ (RBR)	Community Representative (alternate)
	Bruce Reynolds (BR)	Blayney Shire Council
	Nick Redmond (NR)	Orange City Council
	Ben Fry (BF)	Bathurst Regional Council
	Rhassel Mhasho (RM)	Cabonne Shire Council (alternate)
	Wayne Taylor (WT)	Regis Resources
	Danielle Papich (DP)	Regis Resources
	Jason Ingham (JI)	Regis Resources
	Daniel Holm	Square Peg Consulting, Social Impact Assessment specialist
Guest	**Jim Beyer (JB)**	Regis Resources, CEO and Managing Director
Apologies	**Daniel Sutton (DS)**	BHPG Representative
	Peter Houston (PH)	Community Representative
Next Meeting	Proposed dates: 26 October and 7 December 2026, subject to confirmation by Regis.	

Agenda item	Action
Meeting opened	6:00 pm DR welcomed everyone to the CCC meeting and thanked members for their time and commitment to the CCC.
1. Apologies	Refer to first page of minutes.
2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests	DR is paid a fee to chair the meeting.
3. Business arising from previous minutes	All action items from the previous meeting were reported as closed.
4. Previous meeting minutes	The previous meeting minutes were endorsed by the Committee.
5. Correspondence	No correspondence was reported.
6. Update on project	Refer to overleaf.
a. Social Impact Assessment consultation	Refer to item 7 overleaf.
7. General Business	Refer overleaf.
8. Next meeting	Proposed dates: 26 October and 7 December 2026, subject to confirmation by the Chair.
Meeting closed	8:02 pm

No.	Action Item	Responsible	Due By
1	Provide Daniel Holm's Social Impact Assessment presentation slides to committee members.	Regis	Complete

6. Update on Project

Project status and approvals

- No change to project status; the Federal Court ruling remains pending.
- Regis continues to investigate an alternative development concept that avoids the declared tailings-dam area.

Environmental monitoring

- Routine monitoring of surface water, groundwater, dust, air quality, noise and meteorological conditions continues.
- Baseline data collection remains ongoing and will inform the Environmental Impact Statement assessments.

Exploration

- Drilling at Last Chance was completed in September after six holes.
- Further drilling is being planned for Last Chance and Jirri Jirri, subject to results.
- Exploration across multiple targets is anticipated over the next 12 months.
- The Committee requested clarification about properties affected by exploration.

Community and landholdings

- Community support included Neville Public School swimming lessons, a Blayney High School volleyball sponsorship and funding for school goal posts.
- Community consultation and land-access notifications continued, including an exploration update to Kings Plains residents.
- The Pozieres and Hopetoun houses are leased; the Pozieres rural lease remains under review.
- Kangaroo management continues across project properties.

Community sentiment survey

- The 2026 survey used telephone and online methods consistent with the 2021 and 2022 surveys.
- The sample included 435 permanent adult residents across Bathurst, Orange, Cabonne and Blayney local government areas.
- Results were weighted using 2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics data.

McPhillamys Gold Infrastructure Project

- The proposal includes an Integrated Waste Landform, electricity transmission lines and revised water supply pipeline.
- Northern (TransGrid) and southern (Essential Energy) transmission-line options remain under consideration.
- Peak workforce estimates presented were 700 full-time-equivalent mine-development construction roles, 150 pipeline construction roles and 50 electricity transmission line construction roles.

Visual simulations and proposed landform

- Draft simulations were presented, comparing existing, staged and final landform views from Summerson Driveway in Kings Plains and a view point on Mid-Western Highway West.
- The proposed landform is approximately 70–80 metres higher, with approval sought to 1155 m AHD.
- Members raised concerns about vegetation, capping requirements and prolonged rock-face views before rehabilitation.
- Additional views from multiple locations were requested. Regis advised that additional simulation view points will be included in the EIS.

7. Social Impact Assessment consultation

Assessment approach

- Daniel Holm outlined how the assessment identifies social impacts, who may experience them and possible mitigation or benefit-enhancement measures.
- Impacts will be assessed using the likelihood and magnitude framework in the NSW Social Impact Assessment Guideline.

Key discussion themes

- Members were asked several questions; namely, (i) what would change for you / your community compared to the approved project, (ii) which component does the change relate to, and (iii) which if these changes are most important to you / your community?
- Concerns raised by members focused on construction dust, noise, visual change, water security and electricity infrastructure, employment, economic opportunities, supply chains, housing, infrastructure demand, physical and mental health, rehabilitation timing and cumulative regional impacts.
- Kings Plains members considered the Integrated Waste Landform a greater local impact than the pipeline or transmission line.
- Visitor perceptions, regional amenity and risks to the Belubula headwaters were noted.
- Councils noted potential benefits for water security, electricity capacity and employment.

8. General Business

Approvals process

- The revised water pipeline, the electricity transmission line, and the IWL all require assessment and public exhibition as part of the infrastructure project.
- No firm project timeline is available while the Federal Court judgment remains reserved.
- Essential Energy would manage broader network upgrades if the southern transmission-line option proceeds.

Regional benefits and impacts

- BF raised his council's intent to negotiate a VPA with the McPhillamys mine project.
- Members discussed regional employment, economic and infrastructure benefits.
- Housing, supply chains, community wellbeing and legacy projects were identified as relevant considerations.
- Discussion focused on balancing regional benefits with environmental and social risks.

9. Next Meeting

DR thanked members for their time. The Committee proposed meetings on 26 October and 7 December 2026, subject to confirmation by the Chair.

Meeting closed at 8:02 pm.