

## **WRITTEN SUBMISSION**

The following is a guide on how to make a written submission to the IPC for their decision on the McPhillamys Gold Mine:

[go directly to this link](#)

Ensure the “McPhillamys Gold Project” is the case listed under “Which proposed development do you wish to provide a submission on?”

You will need to select the options that best apply to you, and remember to select that you object to the project.

You can either type directly into a text box for your submission, or attach files in either PDF, DOCX, JPG, or XLS format, up to 20MB in size.

Elect whether you’d like your name withheld (anonymous) or not, fill in your details, tick the declaration box and click submit.

### **Guide to your written submission**

- Keep your submission factual and refer to the DPE referral and reports
- Ensure you recommend conditions, even to the point of rewording, crossing out or using the formatting of the DPE recommendations so it’s simple for the IPC to add/adjust if they decide to approve with conditions.
- Remember that the IPC are assessing the DPE assessment, the DPE have completed a whole of Government assessment and the IPC role is to ensure this has taken place correctly and adequately to reach their recommendations.

Some general issues that remain outstanding after DPE assessment as a guide to help your train of thought:

- The proponent has failed to acknowledge the light and visual intrusion for residents along Guyong Rd and Vittoria Rd and the DPE has failed to include it in their assessment and recommendations for mitigation for neighbours. If approved, it should be a condition that an appropriate visual screening plan (which allows for but is not limited to mature native trees) is developed and implemented with all privately owned residents within a 2km radius of the mine site boundary.
- You may be a nearby neighbour who raised concerns in your original submission about not being consulted by the proponent. The DPE may have spoken to you once in the 2+ year assessment period (or not at all) and the DPE are claiming they have adequately consulted with all stakeholders. You would list the date that they did speak with you (if so) and state that this was the only consultation carried out, regardless of your issues raised, which remain unresolved. This demonstrates a lack of stakeholder/direct neighbour engagement by the DPE and proves their assessment is inadequate.
- You could be a resident in Bathurst and be concerned that with the pipeline of toxic water going under several waterways between Lithgow and Bathurst (including the Macquarie), that it could rupture or leak into the waterways, causing irreparable damage to the waterways and aquatic ecosystems.

- You may live in town and be renting and are concerned that the fact the current housing shortage will be intensified by mine workers on higher average wages which will inflate local living costs and force existing long term residents out of the community.
- You may run a small business and already be struggling for staff and realise that if this gets approved and Regis start offering basic office/store person jobs for at least \$20k more than what you're able to afford for the same level of staff, you will not only fail to attract any staff, you'll lose what existing staff you do have.
- You could be a local and be concerned about the demographic shift of the town if more miners were to move in, pushing out the existing residents.
- A downstream water user of the Belubula River may be concerned that the permanent destruction of the springs which create the Belubula River will reduce flow into Carcoar Dam will mean less water availability for them; or a degradation in the quality of the water.
- Any person located downstream of the mine site should be worried that if the Tailings Dam fails, entire contents of the Tailings Dam will follow the flow of the Belubula River. The damage to the ecosystems that rely on this river and the fact it will then end up in Carcoar Dam and the Lachlan River is a risk that cannot be taken.
- You may be a visitor to the area who enjoys the rural aspect and feel to this community, which will be changed with a distinctive miners town feel who in operation.
- You may have children/ grandchildren and cannot bear the thought of the legacy this mine will leave in terms of irreversible environmental damage in this area.
- You may be worried about food security and the destruction of over 8000 acres of prime agricultural grazing land that will be affected forever and unable to be used to full capacity ever again.
- You may be concerned about the listing of koalas as now endangered since February this year, and that there will be the destruction of Koala and other native wildlife habitat and the fact that the mine will be living next door to a well know koala travelling route. And that koalas have been spotted on the site and will now be displaced.
- You may be upset by the fact that White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland is listed as a critically endangered ecological community under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, and this is has been proven that it is on the site of the proposed open cut pit, and will be destroyed.