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## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT**

McPhillamys Gold Project proponent, Regis Resources, has submitted the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the NSW Department of Planning and Industry (DPI).

The McPhillamys Gold Project is currently expected to require an average of 350 construction jobs during the construction phase and over the ten-year operational life there will be an average of 260 direct jobs.

Regis Resources CEO Jim Beyer said the SSDA and EIS were submitted to the Government this week after years of detailed investigations, technical studies and consultation with local residents and stakeholders in the Kings Plains and Blayney communities.

"This marks another significant milestone in the McPhillamys assessment process," Mr Beyer said.

"If approved, McPhillamys will provide a major boost to the local economy through many training, job and business opportunities with significant benefits being shared across the community." he said.

Mr Beyer said the SSDA and EIS would be reviewed by the NSW DPI before going on public exhibition.

"Importantly, our consultation with neighbours, local landowners and other stakeholders will continue throughout the assessment process, including more community Open Days to coincide with the formal exhibition period for the EIS."

Mr Beyer said the Open Days would be held around the middle of the six-week EIS exhibition period.

"Once the government advises us of the timing for the exhibition period, we will lock in dates for Open Days with Project staff and independent technical advisers who prepared the studies for the EIS.

"This will give neighbours and other interested parties another opportunity to provide feedback and ask detailed questions about the EIS and the Project.

Mr Beyer thanked the Project's neighbours and stakeholders for their input and feedback which had guided the final site plan and other Project arrangements.

"The McPhillamys Project team has worked closely with local stakeholders and our near neighbours in particular. Their feedback and suggestions have led to a number of important changes and improvements to the Project site, layout and operational plans.

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