



30 January 2023

Mr Ian Manning
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By email: [REDACTED]

CC: The Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, Minister for Homes

Dear Mr Manning

McPhillamys Gold Project SSD 9505

I refer to your correspondence to the Chair of the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) received on 29 January 2023.

Thank you for your helpful observations regarding the Commission's Record of Site Inspection in relation to this matter. In short, the discrepancy in numbering between the Record and the map supplied by the Applicant was due to the first location in the Record (being the offices of Regis Resources in Blayney) not being displayed on the map. The Record has now been updated to correspond more accurately to the map and the updated Record will be published on the Commission's website shortly.

Regarding your request for a further site inspection, I confirm that all Panel members (including new Panel member Professor Neal Menzies) intend to conduct a further site inspection on 5 February 2023 prior to the public hearing for this matter. Ultimately, the decision of whether to conduct a site inspection (and how) is a matter for the Panel to decide (see the Commission's [Site Inspection and Locality Tour Guidelines](#)). Your letter will be provided to the Panel and will be considered by them in determining what to inspect.

Regarding your further requests in relation to the conduct of the public hearing, I refer to the Commission's letter to you of 6 December 2022. I confirm that the Commission is required by law to conduct a public hearing if requested by the Minister for Planning. The Commission cannot unilaterally decide not to conduct a public hearing.

Your comments regarding the adequacy of the Department of Planning and Environment's Assessment Report (along with the rest of your letter) will be considered as a submission, published on the Commission's website and duly considered by the Panel in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Barry
Planning Director