



7 February 2023

Mr Michael Cassel
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Mr Cassel

MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT (SSD 9505)

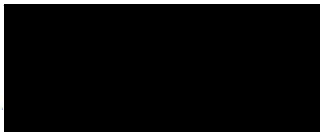
The Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) is currently working towards the determination of the McPhillamys Gold Project (**Project**) per the Minister for Planning's (**Minister's**) request of 19 February 2020 (available [here](#)). The Assessment Report for the Project was received by the Commission on 17 November 2022.

The Minister's request of the Commission provides that the Planning Secretary may agree to another date by which the Project is to be determined by the Commission, other than the 12 weeks after receipt of the Assessment Report provided for in the Minister's request.

On 8 December 2022, the scheduled public hearing into the Project was adjourned due to the sudden death of the Panel Chair Professor Chris Fell AO. As a result of the necessary adjournment, the hearing is now being held after the Christmas/New Year period.

The Commission seeks your agreement that – due to the unavoidable adjournment of the hearing – the 12 week deadline for determination of the Project be extended by three weeks to 3 March 2023.

Yours sincerely



Dr Samantha McLean
Executive Director