



21 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 (**McPhillamys Project**).

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.

At the close of submissions for the McPhillamys Project, the Commission received in excess of 700 individual submissions. In order for the Panel to give due and proper consideration to this large volume of submissions, the Commission requests an extension of the deadline for the determination of the McPhillamys Project.

As the current deadline for the McPhillamys Project is 3 March 2023, an extension would extend into the pre-election 'caretaker period' established under the Premier's Memorandum '[M2022-11 2023 State Election – Caretaker Conventions](#)' (**Premier's Memorandum**). The Commission notes that the exact date the caretaker period ends is dependent on the outcome of the NSW election.

Accordingly, the Commission seeks an extension to determine the McPhillamys Project no later than two business days after the end of the caretaker period.

Yours sincerely

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**Executive Director**