



Independent Planning Commission granted time extension to determine McPhillamys Gold Project

10 February 2022

The Independent Planning Commission (IPC) has been granted a three-week time extension by the Planning Secretary for the determination of the McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD 9505). The extension has been made in consideration of the unavoidable rescheduling of the Commission's public hearing into the proposed development late last year due to the tragic and sudden death of the Panel Chair. The hearing was held earlier this week with a full Panel.

The Commission acknowledges that the community has been highly engaged with the proposed development of the gold mine at Kings Plains over an extended period. We thank the local community for their patience and their high levels of participation in the IPC's consultation processes, both at the public hearing and through written submissions.

The Commission now plans to issue its decision within 15 weeks of the initial referral from the Department of Planning (i.e. by 3 March 2023), rather than the 12 weeks initially directed by the Minister. Should significant additional information be received that must be considered as part of the determination, the Commission can apply for an additional extension from the Planning Secretary.

Submissions will continue to be accepted up to 5pm on 15 February 2023.

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