

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## ADDITIONAL DAY ADDED TO PUBLIC HEARING INTO MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT

Monday 5th December 2022

The public hearing for the McPhillamys Gold Project State significant development application (SSD-9505) to be held by the NSW Independent Planning Commission has been extended by an additional day so that all speakers who registered last week have the opportunity to be heard.

The livestreamed public hearing is already scheduled be held from 2pm to 8pm on Thursday 8 December and 9am to 5pm Friday 9 December 2022 at Blayney Shire Community Centre (91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW 2799).

The **additional day on Monday 12 December** will be conducted wholly online from 10am to 5pm, with community members participating either via online videoconference or telephone only.

Any community members allocated to speak on Monday 12 December 2022 who do not have access to the necessary technology to present online can make use of an IPC video conferencing facility at Blayney Shire Council offices. IPC staff will be on site to assist them.

Commissioners Professor Chris Fell AO (Chair), Clare Sykes and Dr Peter Williams are the Commission panel that has been appointed to hold the hearing and determine the development application.

The Commission has access to all earlier submissions made to the Department of Planning and Environment on this proposal, so it is particularly helpful for the Commission to also hear from stakeholders about their views on the Department's recent assessment of the key issues and proposed conditions of consent. These documents are available on the Commission's <u>website</u>.

Key issues identified in the Department's whole-of-government assessment of the development application include: amenity impacts, social costs and benefits, water resources, biodiversity impacts, Aboriginal cultural heritage, agriculture and economics.

All three days of the public hearing will be broadcast live online at www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/livestream

Written submissions can still be lodged using the 'Have Your Say' portal on the Commission's website up until 5pm AEST on Wednesday 21 December 2022: <a href="www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say">www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say</a>.