

METHODOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Client	Regis Resources
Project name	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Sentiment Research 2022
Project reference	SNR 2202002
Research dates:	8th October - 6th November 2022
Target population:	The target population for the research was residents living in the Local Government areas of Bathurst, Orange, Cabonne and Blayney, in New South Wales, aged 18+.
Research methodology:	The research involved a dual quantitative methodology using a combination of computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) and online surveys undertaken in parallel among n=424 participants, sourced from an ISO-accredited market research panel.
Weighting approach:	The data was weighted using ABS Census population statistics on age, gender, location and occupation to match the estimated 18+ population. The total effective sample size after weighting was approximately 73%, equating to a margin of error of approximately +/-5.7% (at the 95% confidence interval).
Research questions:	A combination of single choice, multiple choice and open-ended (text response) questions were used in the research. All questions and response options were displayed/read in full during interviews.

This research was conducted in accordance with the Australian Polling Council Quality Mark standards which can be viewed here: <https://www.australianpollingcouncil.com/>

PUBLISHED QUESTION

CATI ONLY: I'm now going to read to you some information about Regis Resources and the McPhillamys Gold Project before asking your opinion of it.

ONLINE ONLY: Please read the following information about Regis Resources and the McPhillamys Gold Project before proceeding to the next questions.

- Regis Resources is one of Australia's top mid-tier gold companies and all of its mines are currently in Western Australia.
- Regis Resources has lodged an application for the McPhillamys Gold Project.
- This would be an open cut gold mine development located at Kings Plains, 8 kilometres from Blayney.
- A 90km water pipeline from near Lithgow will deliver the main water supply for the project, using excess water from Mt Piper power station and neighbouring mining operations to reduce the need to compete for local water sources.
- After mining ceases, the pipeline could be used to provide more secure, long-term water supply for towns and cities like Blayney, Bathurst and Orange.
- If approved, construction could commence in 2022 and it would likely be operational in late 2023. It would have a mining life of around 10 years.
- The project will boost employment through the creation of 480 jobs during the construction of the mine; 120 jobs during the construction of the proposed pipeline; and 260 permanent jobs when the mine is operational.
- Regis Resources has committed to a 'locals first' policy for staff recruitment, not a Fly In Fly Out workforce. Regis is also considering part-time and job share roles and flexible hours.
- Regis is also engaging with local training and education providers to ensure that local people have every opportunity to be 'job ready' when the project gets underway.

Q. CATI ONLY: Now that you have heard a bit more about the McPhillamys Gold Project would you say that your opinion of the project is very positive, somewhat positive, neither positive nor negative, somewhat negative or very negative?

ONLINE ONLY: Now that you have read a bit more, to what extent do you feel positive or negative about the McPhillamys Gold Project?

SINGLE RESPONSE

1. Very positive
2. Somewhat positive
3. Neither positive nor negative
4. Somewhat negative
5. Very negative