

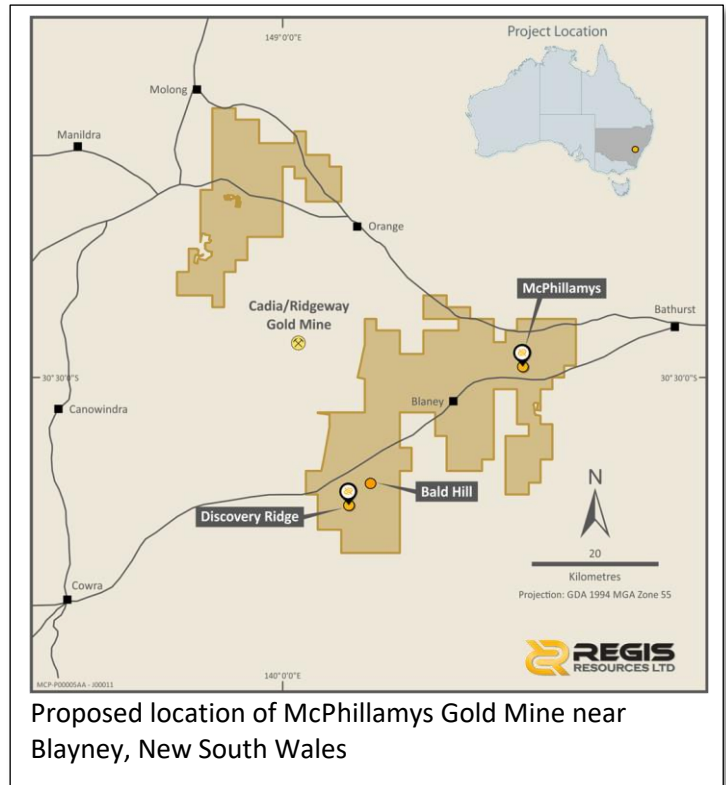


Tree planting at McPhillamys

The Blayney – Kings Plains area in New South Wales is the proposed site for an open cut gold mine. The area around the mine is mostly cleared for grazing. There are both historic and current mines in the region.

In July 2019, [Regis Resources](#) (gold mining company) partnered with [Skillset](#) (local training organisation) to plant more than 4,400 native trees and shrubs on land around the proposed mine. The vegetation is part of a program to link fragmented woodland habitats and to provide a visual screen for the neighbours. Twenty-two local plant species were used in the project.

In 2020, Agriculture students from [Blayney High School](#) collected seeds from a high conservation value area used as an environmental offset for the proposed mine. Regis aims to involve the school students in future environmental activities including propagating and planting the seedlings to increase vegetation cover on the offset property.



Discussion Questions

1. Outline the general benefits of planting native vegetation. _____

2. Explain the ecological reasons for planting at the McPhillamys sites. _____



3. What are the social benefits of the tree planting project? _____

4. Explain how the tree planting project addresses different aspects of sustainability. _____



Biodiversity corridor planted at McPhillamys

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