

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission about the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry project.

## Summary

I oppose the project.

My name is Peter Harwood and I live with my family at Windy Hill, about 3 kilometres South of the proposed site.

The main reasons I oppose the project are:

- Water
- Road safety
- Dust
- Noise

## Water

The EIS projects that more than 30 giga litres of water will be extracted from the aquifer each year. The aquifer is a shared resource and already under considerable pressure as the last drought showed.

Page 10 of the EIS ground water plan categorises the surrounding creeks as ‘minor and ephemeral’. Guises Creek is neither of these. It commences just to the South of the project boundary. It is one of the water sources for our property and our neighbours. It is a permanent creek and provides beautiful swimming holes that family and friends have enjoyed for many years. A project of this size placed at the headwaters of this creek can only disrupt and pollute it.

## Road Safety

The Monaro highway, especially between Old Cooma Road and Tuggeranong is narrow, heavily trafficked and dangerous. It carries a lot of heavy vehicles and commuter traffic as well as speed changes which add a layer of complexity for drivers.

Page 36 of the EIS road traffic assessment shows a significant increase in heavy traffic in the peak hour between 0800 to 0900 to over 160 one way. My main concern is road safety, not the inevitable increase in trip times. A new intersection will further increase complexity and risk.

## Dust

Blasting and extraction will inevitably produce dust. The area is subject to strong, variable winds much of the time, which will disperse the dust. My wife has ongoing respiratory issues which will be exacerbated by any additional dust, especially silica dust.

## Noise

We have Maremma dogs which are extremely sensitive to sudden changes. Blasting and extended truck movements will not help