

## Submission – Monaro Rock Quarry Project - Guises Creek

To: NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure / Monaro Rock Pty Ltd  
Subject: Concerns re impacts to Guises Creek – Monaro Rock Quarry Proposal

Dear Assessment Panel,

I am writing as a concerned community member regarding the potential impacts of the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry on the quality of water within Guises Creek.

### Key Points

- Guises Creek supplies ourselves and our livestock with fresh drinking water, and contributes to water supplies for household usage. Our close neighbours also rely on this water source.
- 5 of the 7 dams outlined in the proposal have overflow which have the potential to contaminate the groundwater run off from nearby hills which feed into this creek.
- Prolonged rainfall and severe weather occurrences have demonstrated that ground water flows where it wills, often over riding existing mitigations.

### Requests

- There should be in place ongoing additional monitoring of the water quality in Guises Creek for each property which relies on it as a water source.
- Additional mitigations to create a 'storm drain' type arrangement to direct ground water and overflow away from any potential inputs to Guises Creek.
- When (or if) weather events over run existing mitigations, remediation and rehabilitation plans should be in place ready to be enacted. This may include financial contributions and/or compensation to impacted households.
- Residents should not be reliant on future 'good will' arrangements; rather actionable and enforceable, and agreed upon, ready to hand protocols.

### Summary

The potential to contaminate our water supply from Guises Creek remains, even with mitigations in place. There are no protections in place for when (if) this occurs.

I urge decision-makers to apply a precautionary approach and ensure strong protections and monitoring, along with creation of community/personal concern communication channels, and enforced protocols for remediation and/or compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Refer:

1. [https://www.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/2514175/upper-murrumbidgee-catchment-map.pdf](https://www.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/2514175/upper-murrumbidgee-catchment-map.pdf)
2. [https://www.act.waterwatch.org.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/2418352/CHIP-2023\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.act.waterwatch.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/2418352/CHIP-2023_FINAL.pdf)
3. Guises Creek local report 1999 (attached)

Yours sincerely,  
Royalla Resident

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