

**From:** Rose, David  
**Sent:** Monday, 1 September 2025 1:02 PM  
**To:** EmergencyManagement  
**Subject:** ESA 20250284, DA EIS - Monaro Rock Quarry Project, Royalla

**OFFICIAL**

ACTSES has reviewed the subject DA and are unable to provide an assessment as no flood study/mapping is available. Flood mapping should be available through CED and/or SLA and should be sourced from them.


Cheers,



**David Rose**  
**Assistant Director Strategic Planning**

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**From:** ACTF&R Risk & Planning  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 September 2025 1:32 PM  
**To:** EmergencyManagement  
**Subject:** ACTF&R comment - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

Hi Emergency Management,

ACTF&R has reviewed the information provided in the invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS and have no comments or objections.

Regards,



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**Attachments:** ACTF&R comment - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS;  
ESA 20250284, DA EIS - Monaro Rock Quarry Project, Royalla

**Categories:** Alex, Jesmin

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached ESA comments for EIS - Monaro Rock Quarry Project.

Regards



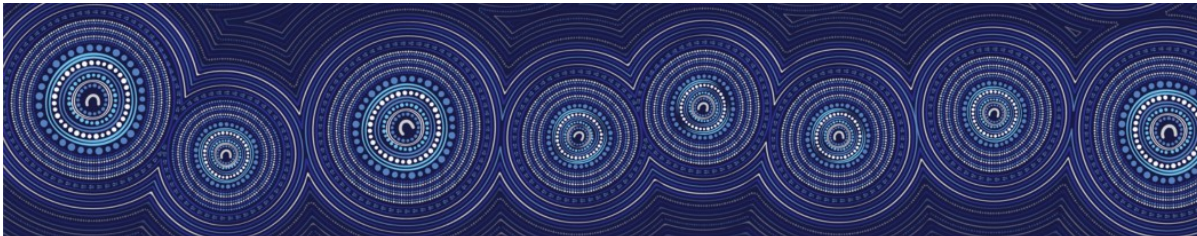
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**From:** HeritageReferrals  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 September 2025 10:32 AM  
**To:** EPD Impact  
**Subject:** RE: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

**Categories:** Alex, Jesmin

Hello Hayden,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the EIS for the Monaro Rock Quarry Project. After some internal discussion we have decided not to provide a formal response to this Referral, due to the fact that the project is wholly within NSW, and there are no heritage considerations under the *Heritage Act 2004*. While we note that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Archaeological study has been conducted for the project, of which we are supportive, we have no jurisdiction in relation to this project as the *Heritage Act 2004* does not apply.

Kind regards,  
Dianne

**Dianne Bensley**

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**Cc:** EPAPlanningLiaison  
**Subject:** FW: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS  
  
**Categories:** Alex, Jesmin

Dear Impact Assessment team,

Thank you for referring the below ESO link for the NSW Monaro Rock Quarry Project to the Office of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for review and comment.

EPA is satisfied comments previously provided by EPA have been adequately addressed in the EIS and supplementary study reports. Notably, the supplementary reports 'Air Quality Impact Assessment' and 'Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment' both include the ACT within the study area/spatial extent of the project.

However, the EIS lacks details on the requirements to be met before releasing water offsite. Within ACT, [Guidelines for Construction and Land Development](#) provide measurable standards for erosion and sediment control.

For further information, please contact the EPA Planning Liaison Officer at [EPAPlanningLiaison@act.gov.au](mailto:EPAPlanningLiaison@act.gov.au).

Regards,

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**Subject:** COMM-EACT: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

**Categories:** Alex, Jesmin

Good Afternoon Hayden,

Please see below compiled advice for your reference.

Office of Water

The topography of the site, and overland flow paths, generally slope back towards the ACT. We request appropriate ESC measures to be in place to keep all development sediment, mud and silt confined to the quarry site / access road and not flow toward the ACT / NSW border.

PCS

No comment

Office of the Conservator

Noting most of the project footprint is contained within NSW, potential impacts to ACT ecological values are largely restricted to indirect impacts, including noise, dust and water pollution. Given the topography and distance from the ACT/NSW boundary, there is a low likelihood increased noise will meaningfully impact habitat values within the ACT. We note that indirect noise impacts have been considered in Appendix F of the BDAR. Airborne dust has potential to impact native vegetation (including BGW) within Melrose NR, by blocking photosynthesis. There is also potential for dust and sediment to enter waterways and impact numerous aquatic values. All of these threats should be managed by appropriate control measures which are detailed in management plans. Assessment of dust suppression measures should consider water availability and any downstream impacts associated with extraction.

Fire Management Unit

The comments below speak to potential impacts to the Nature Reserve and surrounding ACT lands.

1. An access road will be required to be constructed, leading from the Monaro Hwy to the Quarry site. Construction and ongoing maintenance of the road and its verge increase the risk of ignition that has the potential to spread to the ACT.
2. Modification of the existing vegetation and arrangement of fuels on the development site has the potential to increase the risk to both environmental and built assets on the ACT side of the boarder.
3. Due to the sites' proximity to the ACT boarder, it is plausible that during an unintended fire event emanating for the site, both NSW and ACTRFS/Parks resources may be dispatched. We recommend consultation continue through the development of the site and operational considerations such as site emergency management plans.

Regards.

**Tim Yiu**

**Conservation Officer**

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**To:** EPD Impact  
**Cc:** Environmental Health  
**Subject:** FW: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS  
  
**Categories:** Alex, Jesmin

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the documentation received on 28 August 2025 regarding the EIS for the Monaro Rock Quarry Project in Royalla NSW.

The Health Protection Service (HPS) notes that the Development includes the establishment of a quarry to extract up to 1,000,000 tpa of hard rock from a resource of approximately 32.4 Million tonnes for up to 30 years.

The HPS has reviewed the documents provided and advises the applicant that:

- the design and construction of any sedimentation basins must minimise the potential for them to cause an insanitary condition (local mosquito nuisance) under the *Public Health Act 1997*. The applicant is advised to contact the HPS for further information.

There are no further public health concerns in relation to the EIS.

Should you require any further information, please contact Brooke Rowe on (02) 5124 6193 or email [Brooke.Rowe@act.gov.au](mailto:Brooke.Rowe@act.gov.au).

Regards,

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**Categories:** Jesmin

Dear Impact Team,

Apologies for the delay in comments.  
Please see our comments:

**DCB - CED Review of Monaro Rock Quarry Road Transport Assessment, prepared by TTPP, dated 23 May 2025**

- Section 2.6.2 to 2.6.4, pg.8-14: Surveyed traffic volumes are from 2021 and are affected by public holidays and the COVID shutdown period. Given the data is over 4 years old, ideally 2025 data should be presented to give a more realistic representation of existing traffic demands.

Thank you,  
Kind regards,

Rashed Yamin | Assistant Director  
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**From:** Tran, Therese <[Therese.Tran@act.gov.au](mailto:Therese.Tran@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 September 2025 4:17 PM  
**To:** TCCS\_DC DevelopmentCoordination <[TCCS.DCDevelopmentCoordination@act.gov.au](mailto:TCCS.DCDevelopmentCoordination@act.gov.au)>; Wright, Candice <[Candice.Wright@act.gov.au](mailto:Candice.Wright@act.gov.au)>; Henriquez, Jose <[Jose.Henriquez@act.gov.au](mailto:Jose.Henriquez@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Abdullah, Jesmin <[Jesmin.Abdullah@act.gov.au](mailto:Jesmin.Abdullah@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Reminder: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

Hi Candice and Jose,

I'm just checking whether TCCS comments can be provided by tomorrow for the NSW referral outlined below.

If that's not possible, do you think it's possible/appropriate to share a contact email for NSW officers to reach out directly if needed?

Thanks

Regards,

**Therese | DA Coordinator**

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**From:** EPD Impact

**Sent:** Thursday, 18 September 2025 3:37 PM

**To:** Yamin, Rashed <[Rashed.Yamin@act.gov.au](mailto:Rashed.Yamin@act.gov.au)>

**Cc:** TCCS\_DC DevelopmentCoordination <[TCCS.DCDevelopmentCoordination@act.gov.au](mailto:TCCS.DCDevelopmentCoordination@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Reminder: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

Hi Rashed

We haven't received any comments from TCCS for Monaro Rock Quarry Project.

If you still want to provide your comment please send it to me by COB tomorrow, 19 September 2025.

Kind regards

*Jesmin Abdullah*

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**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 5:50 PM

**To:** EPD Impact <[EPDImpact@act.gov.au](mailto:EPDImpact@act.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Yamin, Rashed <[Rashed.Yamin@act.gov.au](mailto:Rashed.Yamin@act.gov.au)>; Wyatt, Tim <[Tim.Wyatt@act.gov.au](mailto:Tim.Wyatt@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

Good afternoon Hayden,

The Development Coordination Branch acknowledge receipt and have commenced processing your request.

Rashed Yamin has been assigned and will respond to you by 11 September 2025.

Kind regards

**Sarah Griffiths | Customer Support and Business Improvement**

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Sent: Thursday, 28 August 2025 11:14 AM

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Abdullah, Jesmin <[Jesmin.Abdullah@act.gov.au](mailto:Jesmin.Abdullah@act.gov.au)>

Subject: REFERRAL - Invitation to comment on the Monaro Rock Quarry Project EIS

Good Morning

The Impact Assessment Team has received an invitation from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to comment on the EIS for the Monaro Rock Quarry Project, which proposes to construct and develop a new hard rock quarry in Royalla NSW.

The referral documentation can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/monaro-rock-quarry-project>

Please provide any comments you may have on the likely impacts of this proposal to [EPDImpact@act.gov.au](mailto:EPDImpact@act.gov.au) by **COB 11 September 2025**. This will enable us to provide a combined response to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure by the requested due date.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

**Hayden Pini | A/g Senior Director | Impact Assessment**

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Sent: Tuesday, 26 August 2025 1:28 PM

To: EPD Impact <[EPDImpact@act.gov.au](mailto:EPDImpact@act.gov.au)>

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Subject: Monaro Rock Quarry Project

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If you have any questions, please contact me on the below details.

**Carl Dumpleton**

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**From:** Riches, Dominic  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 October 2021 2:29 PM  
**To:** Nagindar Singh  
**Cc:** Hai, Helen; Cilliers, George; Maxwell, Brad  
**Subject:** RE: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral  
**Attachments:** Signed - EPSDD letter to NSW\_Monaro Rock Quarry Project (SSD-27223807).pdf

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Good afternoon Nagindar

Please find attached comments from EPSDD regarding the above project.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Regards

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**From:** Nagindar Singh <[Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 October 2021 11:44 AM  
**To:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Hai, Helen <[Helen.Hai@act.gov.au](mailto:Helen.Hai@act.gov.au)>; Cilliers, George <[George.Cilliers@act.gov.au](mailto:George.Cilliers@act.gov.au)>; Maxwell, Brad <[Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au](mailto:Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral

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Hi Dominic

Thanks for sending through the ACT Government input to the SEARs for the proposed Monaro Hard Rock Quarry and thanks for returning my call.

As discussed on the phone, we will be providing the input as supplementary SEARs with a cover letter from our Director (as a delegate of the Planning Secretary). I would appreciate it if you could provide us the input in a letter form.

I have attached Attachment 2 – Government Agency Correspondence to show the different ways the agencies so far have provided their inputs to the SEARs.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Thanks, Nagindar

**From:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 October 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** Nagindar Singh <[Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Hai, Helen <[Helen.Hai@act.gov.au](mailto:Helen.Hai@act.gov.au)>; Cilliers, George <[George.Cilliers@act.gov.au](mailto:George.Cilliers@act.gov.au)>; Maxwell, Brad <[Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au](mailto:Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral

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Dear Nagindar

Thank you for sending that through.

Please find below matters that the ACT Government would like addressed/undertaken for this project:

- The proponent should undertake consultation with ACT Government in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please forward any correspondence to the Impact Team via [epdimact@act.gov.au](mailto:epdimact@act.gov.au).
- The proponent should detail in the EIS any related development/s, such as, the proposed access to the site.
- The proponent should consider in the EIS any impacts on the ACT, including, but not limited to:
  - Noise and vibration
  - Air quality and human health
  - Traffic and access and
  - And cumulative impacts on the surrounding environmental values such as Box-Gum Woodland
- In undertaking the above assessment, the proponent should consider impacts on ACT residents and surrounding rural properties in the Tuggeranong District.
- Once the detail of the EIS has been finalised and lodged with NSW Government, the EIS should be referred to ACT Government for formal comment.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Regards

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 October 2021 3:29 PM

**To:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** RE: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral

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Dear Dominic

The Department issued the SEARs for the Monaro Rock Quarry Project on 29 September 2021. These can be viewed at the Department's Major Projects website:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/42756>

I have checked with Carl Dumbleton on the input to the SEARs and he has advised that the ACT government should be able to provide its environmental assessment requirements on the project for our consideration and that we would provide them to the Applicant for their consideration.

Please provide the assessment requirements as soon as you can.

Thanks, Nagindar

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**From:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 September 2021 5:21 PM  
**To:** Nagindar Singh <[Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral

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Hi Nagindar

We have been asked by community members whether we have provided (or going to provide) any advice in relation to the requirements of the SEARS for the above project.

Can you please let me know whether ACT Government will have an opportunity to provide input. Given the timing for issuing the SEARS this may not be possible so can you please let me know whether the SEARS will require consideration of impacts to the ACT. In particular, in relation to noise and air quality.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Regards

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**From:** Nagindar Singh <[Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 September 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Maxwell, Brad <[Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au](mailto:Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au)>; Hai, Helen <[Helen.Hai@act.gov.au](mailto:Helen.Hai@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral

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Thanks Dominic

I have saved your email and attachments in our system.

Your Department may also wish to register to be informed of every stage of the Monaro Rock Quarry Project at the Department's Major Projects website:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/42756>

Use the "Notify Me" at the top right hand side of the webpage to register. A new account will need to be created (you can use the email [epdimpact@act.gov.au](mailto:epdimpact@act.gov.au)).

As discussed yesterday, the next stage of the project is for the Department to issue SEARs, likely to occur in the next week or two. We are waiting for input to the SEARs from government agencies, due this week.

Please contact me if you need further information.

Thanks, Nagindar

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**Nagindar Singh**

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**Sent:** Monday, 13 September 2021 4:27 PM  
**To:** Nagindar Singh <[Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Nagindar.Singh@planning.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Maxwell, Brad <[Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au](mailto:Brad.Maxwell@act.gov.au)>; Hai, Helen <[Helen.Hai@act.gov.au](mailto:Helen.Hai@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: 1023 - Monaro Rock - ACT Referral

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Hi Nagindar

Thanks for taking my call earlier regarding the above project.

As discussed, the ACT Government is interested in this project and we would like to review the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) when the proponent submits this to you. Once submitted, can you please refer the EIS to the Impact Assessment Team at [epdimpact@act.gov.au](mailto:epdimpact@act.gov.au).

Also, as discussed, we have had initial contact from the proponent regarding the ACT assessment pathway for the proposed access road from the Monaro Highway. I have attached minutes/correspondence for your record.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

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Morning Joel,

We have just held a meeting with the Environmental Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate regarding the Monaro Rock Project and specifically the process for seeking an approval for the short section of road and intersection in the ACT.

In that discussion, Dominic Riches (cc'd) asked about your process for referring the Project to the ACT Government. Given the community interest there have been questions on whether/how the ACT Government will comment or become involved.

Can you please touch base with Dominic on this. Contact details for Dominic are below and I have included your details for Dominic's benefit.

Dominic Riches | A/g Senior Director, Impact Assessment

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Regards,

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**From:** EPD Impact  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 September 2025 5:19 PM  
**To:** Carl Dumpleton; EPD Impact  
**Cc:** Davies, Richard; Ethan Brice; Abdullah, Jesmin  
**Subject:** Monaro Rock Quarry Project  
**Attachments:** Monaro Rock Quarry \_ City and Environment Directorate.pdf

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Hi Carl

Please find the attached response from the City and Environment Directorate (previously known as EPSDD) on the Monaro Rock Quarry EIS.

If you have any question please contact me.

Kind regards

*Jesmin Abdullah*

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If you have any questions, please contact me on the below details.

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# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	04/09/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 9 September 2025	

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## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 9 September 2025.

Out of Scope

**Upcoming briefs or other matters of significance from Statutory Planning:**

Brief type	Matter	Summary
<h1>Out of Scope</h1>		
N/A	<b>EIS Monaro Rock Quarry (NSW - SSD-27223807)</b>	The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) is currently on exhibition for public comment until 24 September 2025 and is available on the <a href="#">NSW Government website</a> . The proposal is located in NSW (near Royalla) and is proposing to extract 1,000,000 tonnes of hard rock

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# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	11/09/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 15 September 2025	

- DDG...../9/25

## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 15 September 2025.

## KEY ISSUES

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# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	17/09/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 22 September 2025	

- DDG 18/9/25

## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 22 September 2025.

# Out of Scope

**Upcoming briefs or other matters of significance from Statutory Planning:**

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<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	23/09/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 29 September 2025	

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## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 29 September 2025.

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<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	03/10/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Executive Group Managers, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 6 October 2025	

## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 6 – 10 October 2025.

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# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	09/10/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 13 October 2025	

- DDG 10/10/25

## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 13 – 17 October 2025.

# Out of Scope

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# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	24/10/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Executive Group Managers, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 27 October 2025	

## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 27 - 31 October 2025.

# Out of Scope

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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	30/10/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Deputy Director-General, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 3 November 2025	

**Purpose**

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 3 – 7 November 2025.

Out of Scope

**Upcoming briefs or other matters of significance from Statutory Planning:**

Brief type	Matter	Summary
N/A	<b>EIS Monaro Rock Quarry (NSW - SSD-27223807)</b>	The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) for the proposed quarry has recently concluded its public exhibition period. The proposal is located in NSW (near Royalla) and is proposing to extract 1,000,000 tonnes of hard rock material per annum and transport quarry products at a

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# Ministerial Brief

<b>To:</b>	Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development Minister for Heritage	<b>Tracking No.:</b> 25/0000219
<b>Date:</b>	06/11/2025	
<b>From:</b>	Executive Group Managers, City and Environment Directorate	
<b>Subject:</b>	WEEKLY BRIEF - Commencing 10 November 2025	

## Purpose

To provide you with a summary of the current work from the City and Environment Directorate (CED). The brief also includes matters scheduled to occur from 10 to 14 November 2025.

# Out of Scope

**Upcoming briefs or other matters of significance from Statutory Planning:**

# Out of Scope

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## Question Time Brief

Add reference number

Portfolio/s: Planning and Sustainable Development

# Monaro Rock Quarry

## Talking points

- The proposed quarry's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been on public exhibition and closed 24 September 2025. The EIS and updates on the NSW process are available on the [NSW Government website](#).
- The ACT Government's City and Environment Directorate (CED) has reviewed the EIS to understand potential impacts on the ACT.
- On 24 September 2025, the CED representative provided the NSW Government comments regarding the proposed development and EIS. This included comments from relevant entities and included matters such as:
  - Water quality including Erosion and sediment controls;
  - Air quality, dust, and noise and vibration impacts;
  - Fire management;
  - Heritage; and
  - Additional application requirements for development within the ACT; and
  - Contact details for further consideration of traffic and road impact issues.
- The EIS will be assessed by NSW Department of Planning and Environment (NSW DPE) who will consider any comments received.

## Background information

### The proposal

- The proponent (MONAROROCK Pty Ltd) has submitted this proposal to the NSW Government through the EIS process, application number SSD-27223807.
- The proposal was originally submitted for the establishment of a quarry to extract up to 750,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock from a resource of approximately 32.4 million tonnes for up to 30 years.
- Since then, an amended was made to extract 1,000,000 tonnes of hard rock material per annum and transport quarry products at a rate of 25 laden trucks per hour and no more than 200 laden trucks per day.

### EIS process

- The proposal has been identified by the NSW Government as a state significant project, as it involves extractive industry operations, and therefore is to be assessed by the NSW DPE.
- In 2021, the NSW DPE consulted on the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) which are the scoping requirements for the EIS.

Cleared as complete and accurate: 23/09/2025  
Cleared for public release by: Executive Group Manager Ext: 76804  
Contact Officer name: Richard Davies Ext: 74557  
Lead Directorate: City and Environment  
TRIM Ref:

- EPSDD provided comments on the SEARs and raised matters to be addressed in the EIS.
- On 18 August 2023, the NSW DPE issued the amended SEARs and the proponent has now submitted an EIS to NSW DPE for their assessment.

#### Other approval processes

- The proposed quarry is located in NSW and therefore the EIS is being assessed by the NSW Government.
- However, the EIS has identified the preferred access via the Monaro Highway which traverses across other jurisdictions including land administered by both ACT and Commonwealth Government.
- Discussions between the proponent and agencies regarding assessment pathways are currently ongoing regarding ACT and Commonwealth requirements.
- A development application (DA) is required for the part of the access located on Territory land.
- Once lodged, the DA will be assessed by the independent Territory Planning Authority (the Authority) as per the requirements of the Territory Plan and *Planning Act 2023*.
- I note that the Monaro Highway corridor is also in a designated area. For development within designated area, a works approval is required from the National Capital Authority.
- The proponent is potentially able to pursue other vehicle access options. An alternative option to propose vehicle access in NSW only is identified within the EIS.

## Key information

- This EIS process is being assessed by NSW Government.
- Agencies within the ACT Government has reviewed the proposal and provided comments through the EIS process.
- Comments made relate to matters to be addressed to ensure potential impacts on the ACT are minimised.
- The EIS identifies the preferred access to the site from the Monaro Highway which will be subject to a future development application and works approval.

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**From:** EPSDD StatutoryPlanning  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 6:31 PM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Cc:** EPSD Government Services  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - DUE COB: Request for TPs - Monaro Rock Quarry  
**Attachments:** DUE 250828 - 25\_0408635 - TALKING POINTS - DLO Request - Steel - Monaro Rock Quarry.obr

**Categories:** Meaghan

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Hi Liana

Please see EGM clearance below.

Dom

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**From:** Cilliers, George  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 5:57 PM  
**To:** Riches, Dominic  
**Cc:** EPSDD StatutoryPlanning ; Dickson, Kirilly ; Kaucz, Alix ; Pini, Hayden ; Gell, Chris  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DUE COB: Request for TPs - Monaro Rock Quarry

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Thanks Hayden & Dom  
Cleared

Regards  
George

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**From:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 4:47 PM  
**To:** Cilliers, George <[George.Cilliers@act.gov.au](mailto:George.Cilliers@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** EPSDD StatutoryPlanning <[EPSDDStatutoryPlanning@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDStatutoryPlanning@act.gov.au)>; Dickson, Kirilly <[Kirilly.Dickson@act.gov.au](mailto:Kirilly.Dickson@act.gov.au)>; Kaucz, Alix <[Alix.Kaucz@act.gov.au](mailto:Alix.Kaucz@act.gov.au)>; Pini, Hayden <[Hayden.Pini@act.gov.au](mailto:Hayden.Pini@act.gov.au)>; Gell, Chris <[Chris.Gell@act.gov.au](mailto:Chris.Gell@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - DUE COB: Request for TPs - Monaro Rock Quarry

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Thanks Hayden!

George: For your clearance, I have just made a few suggestions in the attached. Note: This was a short turn around and is due today.

Dom

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**From:** Pini, Hayden <[Hayden.Pini@act.gov.au](mailto:Hayden.Pini@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 1:13 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Lucy <[Lucy.Barrett@act.gov.au](mailto:Lucy.Barrett@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DUE COB: Request for TPs - Monaro Rock Quarry

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Hi Both

Thanks for your assistance with this. Please see below draft talking points for the Monaro Rock Quarry. I've only made some minor updates - happy to provide more detail if you think it would be useful.

- The proponent (MONAROROCK Pty Ltd) has submitted this proposal to the NSW Government through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process under application number SSD-27223807.
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- I understand that discussions on other environmental and planning processes are ongoing noting that separate ACT approvals may be required for access, noting that one of the proposed access options described in the EIS is located on Territory land.
- I note that the Monaro Highway corridor is a designated area. Within designated area the National Capital Authority has the responsibility for works approval.

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**From:** EPSDD StatutoryPlanning <[EPSDDStatutoryPlanning@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDStatutoryPlanning@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 10:42 AM  
**To:** Pini, Hayden <[Hayden.Pini@act.gov.au](mailto:Hayden.Pini@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Riches, Dominic <[Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.Riches@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - DUE COB: Request for TPs - Monaro Rock Quarry  
**Importance:** High

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Thanks Hayden.

Lucy

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**From:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer <[CEDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:CEDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 August 2025 9:48 AM  
**To:** EPSD Government Services <[EPSDGovernmentServices@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDGovernmentServices@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer <[CEDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:CEDDLO@act.gov.au)>; EPSDD StatutoryPlanning <[EPSDDStatutoryPlanning@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDStatutoryPlanning@act.gov.au)>  
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**Importance:** High

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Morning team

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The request related to the EIS for the Monaro Rock Quarry that was released for public comments from 27 August 2025 (yesterday) to 24 September 2025, and that the ACT Government is likely to provide comments and review.

There has not been any media requests as yet but it was discussed at length on ABC Breakfast radio this morning – with claims the project can't go ahead without ACT Govt permission for trucks to access the Monaro Highway.

It would be good to get advice/lines on that angle in preparation if possible.

MO have flagged this request with George.

Thank you  
Liana

**Liana Brozic | Directorate Liaison Officer**  
Office of Minister Steel MLA  
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development  
Minister for Heritage  
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# CED Input/DLO/CE request

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**Topic** *Monaro Rock Quarry – Request for TPs*

**Requested by:** *DLO*

**Date Requested:** 28/08/2025

**Due Date:** 28/08/2025

**Tracking Number** 25/0408635

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**Action Officer:** George Cilliers

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**Cleared by:**

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## Response

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- The proponent is able to pursue other access options, if required, including an option to propose access in NSW only.

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**From:** EPSD Government Services  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 October 2025 11:57 AM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Cc:** EPSD Government Services  
**Subject:** For Min Steel - 25/0427431 Ministerial-Correspondence - Steel - David Smith MP - Monaro Rock Quarry concerns  
**Attachments:** 25\_0427431 Ministerial-Correspondence - Steel - David Smith MP - Monaro Rock Quarry concerns.obr

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Good Morning

Please find attached *25/0427431 Ministerial-Correspondence - Steel - David Smith MP - Monaro Rock Quarry concerns* for Minister Steels signature.

**Meaghan Evans** | Assistant Director, Government Services  
City and Environment Directorate | ACT Government  
MS teams | Email: [meaghan.evans@act.gov.au](mailto:meaghan.evans@act.gov.au)  
Level 4, 480 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson ACT 2602

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**From:** EPSD Government Services  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 October 2025 10:43 AM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Cc:** EPSD Government Services  
**Subject:** FOR MIN Steel - 25/0427082 Ministerial-Correspondence - Steel - [REDACTED] -  
Community Opposition to Monaro Rock Quarry  
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Good Morning

Please find attached 25/0427082 Ministerial-Correspondence - Steel - Paul Bain - Community Opposition to Monaro Rock Quarry for Minister signature.

Please note there is an attachment to go with the response to the constituent.

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**To:** LEE  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Mick Gentleman MLA  
**Attachments:** Response - Gentleman to Elizabeth Lee MLA - Proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road.pdf  
  
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Dear Ms Lee MLA,

Please find attached correspondence from Mick Gentleman MLA – Minister for Planning and Land Management.

Kind regards,

### Office of Mick Gentleman MLA

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Elizabeth Lee MLA  
Member for Kurrajong  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
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Our ref: 23/107604

Dear Ms Lee MLA *ELIZABETH*

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 October 2023 about the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry near Royalla NSW.

The proponent for this proposal has submitted this proposal to the NSW Government through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The proposal has been identified by the NSW Government as a state significant project (SSD-27223807) and therefore is to be assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (NSW DPE).

In 2021, the NSW DPE consulted on the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) which are the scoping requirements for the EIS. The proposal was for the establishment of a quarry to extract up to 750,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock from a resource of approximately 32.4million tonnes for up to 30 years. At the time, the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) provided comments on the SEARs. EPSDD raised matters to be addressed in the EIS including:

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The proponent must now address the matters raised in the SEARs and submit the EIS to the NSW DPE for their assessment. As part of the assessment process, the EIS will be put on exhibition by the NSW Government for public comment on the proposal. This application is in NSW and therefore the ACT Government does not have any jurisdictional powers. However, the ACT Government will review the EIS, at the exhibition stage, to understand any impacts on the ACT and make comments where appropriate.

Further information on the status of the application can be found at

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/monaro-rock-quarry-project>.

I trust the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for Planning and Land Management

*13/11/2023*

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**From:** EPSDD DLO  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 December 2023 9:25 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, David  
**Cc:** Ferson, Brodie  
**Subject:** Further advice for Lee office - Rock quarry development on Monaro Road  
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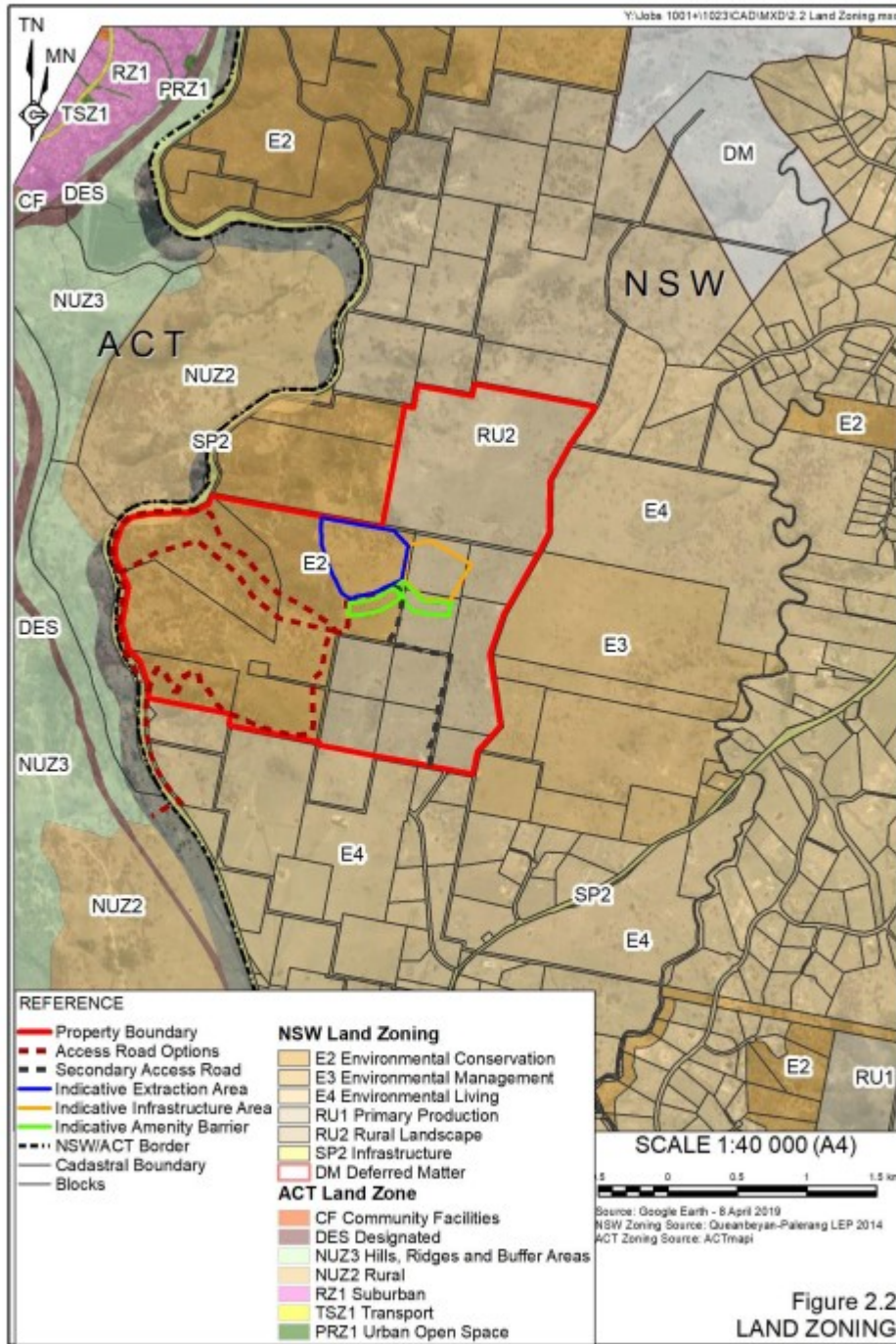
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Hi David

The Lee office requested further information (email below) in relation to the attached response provided to Ms Lee from Minister Gentleman.

Brodie had requested some dot points to respond – please see prepared further advice in response.

- On 9 September 2021, the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), Impact Assessment Team met with the proponent for the Monaro Rock quarry proposal.
- In the meeting the proponents discussed two options to access the Monaro Highway:
  - One option was to use the existing road network in Royalla, NSW; and
  - Another option was to build a new access road and a new intersection to enter the Monaro Highway which was proposed to be wholly contained in Block 1414 Tuggeranong, ACT.
- It was identified, with the Monaro Highway access option, that there were ACT and Commonwealth protected matters in and around the subject works.
- EPSDD outlined that if the new access road was proposed with the intersection to enter the Monaro Highway, ecological surveys must be undertaken on the subject site for all protected matters.
- A focus of the survey would be on the assessment of box-gum woodland to understand which assessment path applies.
- It is up to the proponent on when an application is submitted.
- Once an environmental assessment process has been completed, a development application would be required where the Territory Planning Authority would consider impacts from the proposal.
- EPSDD has received limited information about the proposal, to date.
- No formal environmental impact assessment has been received by EPSDD.
- If the Monaro Highway access option was selected, the proponent is likely to need to apply through the following four jurisdictions:
  - NSW Government (for the part of the proposal in NSW);
  - ACT Government (for the part of the proposal in ACT);
  - the National Capital Authority (as the Monaro Highway is designated area); and
  - the Commonwealth (for protected matters under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*).
- It is noted that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has not yet been submitted to NSW Government and further information relating to the access options may be provided at that stage.



Thank you  
 Tash

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**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from Mick Gentleman MLA

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your response to Ms Lee on 13 November 2023.

To clarify the information in the response, can you please confirm that there will be no assessment by the ACT Government until the approval process has been finalised by the NSW Government?

As I understand it, the access points to the proposed quarry are through the ACT (Monaro Highway). Will there not be any assessment of the potential noise impact, damage to roads or environmental impact done on the Monaro Highway concurrently with the necessary NSW environmental approval processes?

Kind regards,

## Benjamin Stace

Adviser | Office of Elizabeth Lee MLA

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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

**Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate**

**To:** Minister for Planning and Land Management

Tracking No.: 21/39221

**CC:** Chief Minister

Minister for the Environment

**Date:** 6 May 2021

**From:** A/g Executive Group Manager, Statutory Planning

**Subject:** Concerns raised regarding a proposed quarry near Royalla, NSW

**Critical Date:** 18 May 2021

**Critical Reason:** To provide information on the Royalla Quarry proposal

- DDG, Planning and Sustainable Development .../.../...

**Recommendations**


That you:

1. Note the information contained in this brief;

**Noted / Please Discuss**

2. Note the information at Attachment A.

**Noted / Please Discuss**

Mick Gentleman MLA .....  ..... 17./5/2021

Minister's Office Feedback

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**Background**

1. According to media articles (e.g. <https://the-riotact.com/proposal-to-build-hard-rock-quarry-finds-a-place-at-royalla/454731>), Monaro Mix and Pacific Formwork are proposing to develop a quarry near Royalla, NSW, which intends to produce 750,000 tonnes of hard rock each year.
2. The proposal is located in NSW approximately 2km east of Theodore, Tuggeranong.
3. The proposal has been identified by the NSW Government as a state significant project and therefore is to be assessed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
4. The proposal is in the early stages of the planning and assessment process.
5. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has provided further background on the proposal which is outlined at Attachment A.

**Issues**

6. Residents have raised concerns regarding the proposal.
7. The concerns raised include potential impacts on ACT residents and surrounding NSW rural properties. In particular, concerns relate to dust impacts, water quality and general health impacts.

**Financial Implications**

8. N/A

**Consultation**

Internal

9. Various areas within EPSDD have been consulted in preparation of this brief but minimal input has been added given the limited exposure to the project.

Cross Directorate

10. An initial enquiry has been made to EPSDD by CRW Corkery & Co Pty Ltd (the consultant for the proposal) regarding the potential for access to the proposed quarry through Territory Land.
11. The consultant has been directed to seek advice, in the first instance, from the land custodian (Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate).

External

12. The ACT Government will continue to participate, as required by the proponent, during the proponent's pre-application consultation process.
13. The ACT Government will consider the proposal, once formally lodged with the NSW Government, and can provide comments during the public exhibition period.

**Work Health and Safety**

14. N/A

**Benefits/Sensitivities**

15. The local community have expressed opposition to the proposal via correspondence to various Ministers' offices and;

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- a. At [https://au.gofundme.com/f/help-stop-a-fourth-quarry-in-our-region?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp\\_url&utm\\_medium=os&utm\\_source=customer](https://au.gofundme.com/f/help-stop-a-fourth-quarry-in-our-region?utm_campaign=p_cp_url&utm_medium=os&utm_source=customer)
- b. At <https://www.facebook.com/royallaquarryopposition/>

**Communications, media and engagement implications**

- 16. The proposal may be subject to media interest as more details become available.
- 17. Although the proposal is in NSW there may be media implications for the Government, given the proximity to the ACT.

Signatory Name: George Cilliers Phone: 76804  
Action Officer: Dominic Riches Phone: 51834

**Attachments**

Attachment	Title
Attachment A	Advice from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council with Map showing proposed location – Proposed quarry Royalla NSW

## **Attachment A**

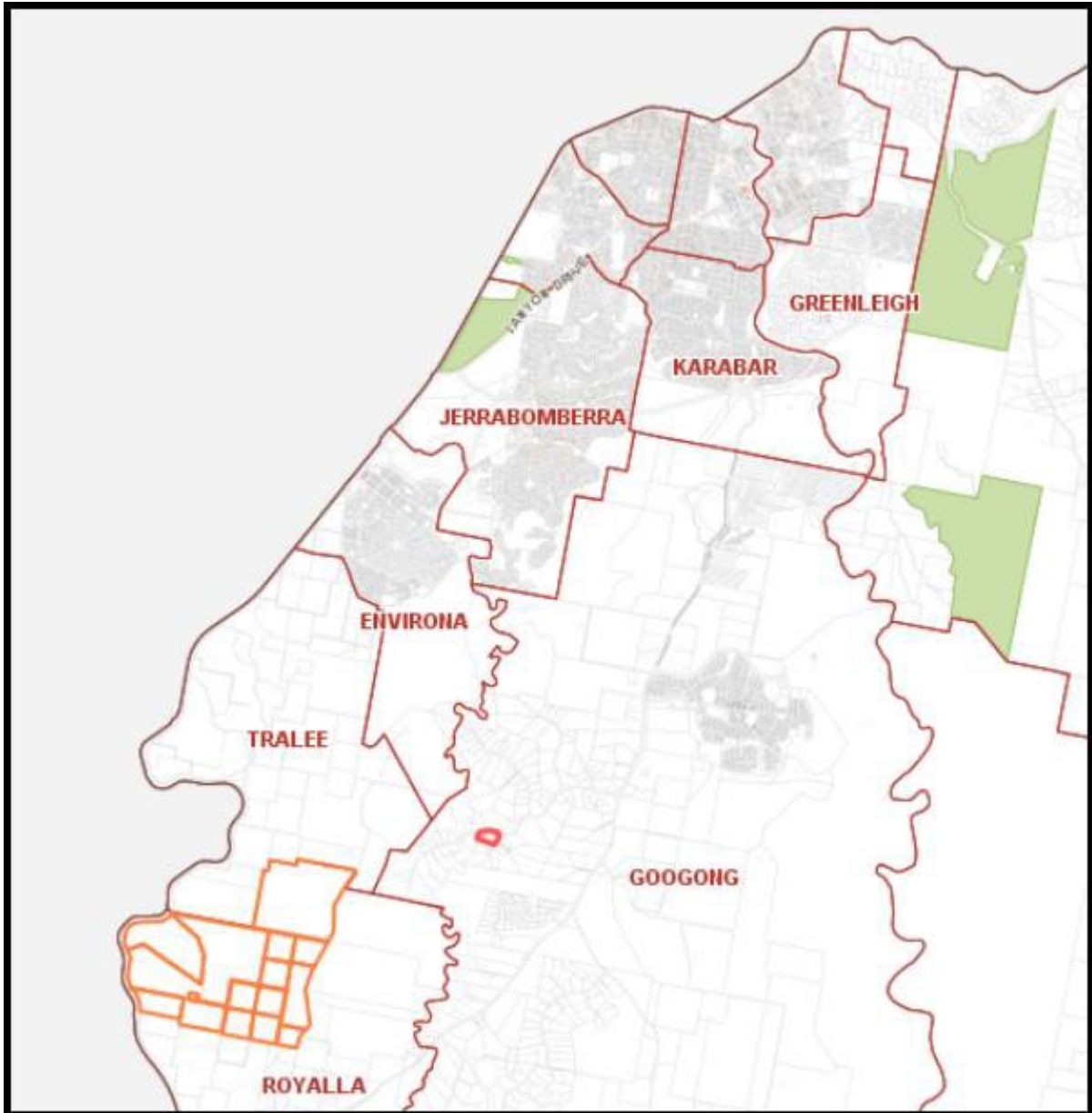
### **Advice from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council to the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) – Royalla quarry NSW**

Along with other stakeholders, Council was alerted to a proposal for a hard rock quarry in Royalla early in April. The owners and operators are undertaking early consultation before forming a proposal for consideration by Government. Should the proposal progress to development, the application would be considered by NSW DPIE as a state significant development.

The hard rock quarry (or as it is defined in NSW planning legislation the *extractive industry*) is proposed to be operated from a property known as 1738 Old Cooma Road owned by Ellerton Developments Pty Ltd and Gongo Nominees Pty Limited. The proponent is Monaro Rock Pty Ltd.

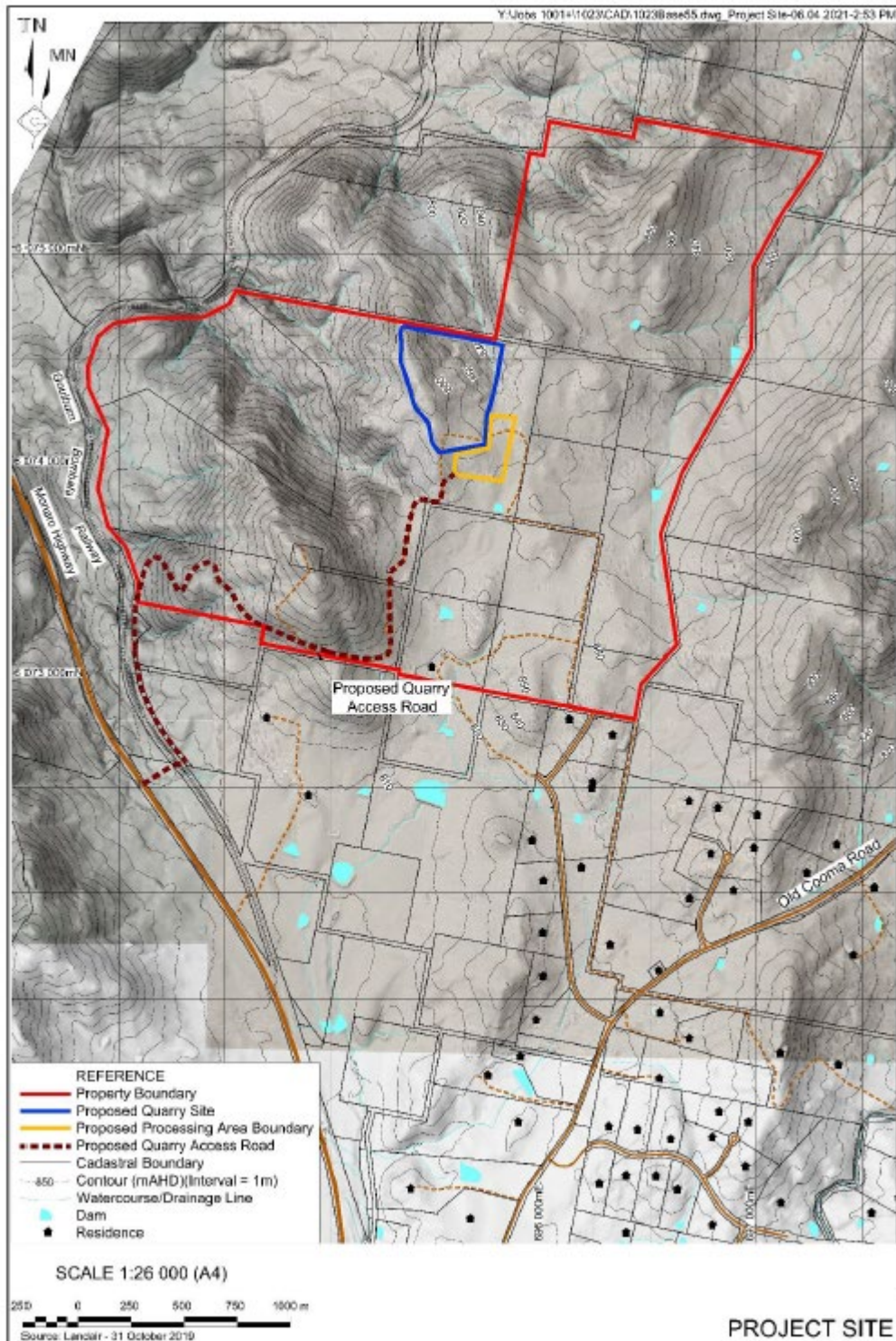
It is located approximately 13km south of Queanbeyan in the locality of Royalla. It is west of Old Cooma Road and Jerrabomberra Creek and east of the Monaro Highway. Please see Figures 1 and 2 below for location details.

**Attachment A**



**Figure 1 – Locality Map – Proposed location for extractive industry shown outlined orange in bottom left**

## Attachment A



**Figure 2 – Indicative Quarry Layout**

The adjoining land uses are generally rural and rural residential properties. The NSW/ACT border directly adjoins the property to the west.

The proposal would be an open cut extraction area with processing equipment located adjacent to the quarry area. Access is proposed via a new connection across the railway line to the Monaro Highway, with that connection subject to relevant approvals from railway and highway authorities. The applicant would be seeking

## **Attachment A**

approval to extract up to 750,000 tonnes of hard rock per annum although they have indicated that it might take some years and favourable market conditions to reach this capacity. The extracted material would be primarily used to supply concrete batching plants in the region. Standard operating hours of 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday are proposed with extended hours for transportation (starting from 5:00am). At this stage it is proposed that the Quarry would employ 8-10 permanent staff as well as up to 20 drivers for transport activities and additional contract or part-time personnel.

The property is zoned Part RU2 – Rural Landscape and Part E2 – Environmental Conservation. The extractive industry and associated processing area are proposed on the E2 zoned land. Under the *Queanbeyan Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012*, development for the purposes of an extractive industry is prohibited within the E2 zone. However, under the provisions of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007*, development for the purposes of an extractive industry such as is being proposed is permissible with consent on land on which development for the purposes of agriculture or industry may be carried out (with or without development consent). Importantly the provisions of the SEPP prevail over the LEP. Therefore, as development for the purposes of extensive agriculture is permissible without consent in the E2 zone under the LEP, the proposed extractive industry is permissible with consent under the SEPP. Despite this, it should also be noted that any proposed development is still required to be consistent with the objectives of the E2 zone.

The scale of the proposal means that it will be dealt with as State Significant Development (SSD). This means that the application will be lodged with, assessed and determined at a State Government level, co-ordinated by the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment (DPIE). As such Council will not be carrying out the notification, assessment or determining the application.

The process from concept, to plans, to DA, to assessment and any approvals is likely to take many months. The first step in this process is for the applicant to lodge a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs is advice from the Department about what studies the applicant needs to include as part of the SSD. Effectively the SEARs tells the applicant what they should include in their Environmental Impact Assessment which is a critical document informing the assessment of the application.

Council would normally be invited to have input into what environmental matters it considers should be included in the SEARs. Typically Council would want to ensure issues such as traffic and road impacts, acoustic impacts, dust generation, biodiversity impacts, heritage impacts, impacts on waterways, social impacts, pollution control measures and the like are covered off in the SEARs.

Once all the documentation is prepared, the application is lodged as SSD with the DPIE. The application will then be placed on public exhibition. When this occurs the community and stakeholders can formally provide comments on the proposal. As with any other stakeholder, Council has an opportunity to make a submission in relation to the development. These may then be considered by DPIE as conditions

## **Attachment A**

for development consent. The comments from the community and the stakeholders are considered by DPIE during the assessment process. Once Council is notified of the formal development, along with other parties, it is likely councillors will be presented with issues and options about the proposed development before a report is prepared to guide a Council submission to the development.

Once the assessment has been completed it is then determined by the Department or the State appointed Independent Planning Commission.

A more detailed overview of the SSD process can be found at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Planning-Approval-Pathways/State-Significant-Development>

Input from EPSDD/this sits within Minister Gentleman's Planning and Land Management portfolio

Dear XXX

Thank you for your correspondence about the proposed quarry at Royalla in NSW.

The proposed development is under NSW jurisdiction and, I am aware that the application will be considered by NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (NSW DPIE) as the proposal is considered a state significant development. As part of the application process, with NSW DPIE, the proposal will undergo a public exhibition period. I understand that the proposal is in the early stages of the planning process and the application has not been formally lodged with NSW DPIE.

EPSDD and the ACT Government will consider the proposal during the formal assessment process and provide any necessary comments to NSW DPIE about potential impacts on the ACT.

I encourage you to raise your concerns about the proposal through the formal public consultation process should the proposal proceed to that stage. You may also wish to contact your local council and local members of the NSW Parliament about this matter.

Yours sincerely



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**From:** GENTLEMAN  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 April 2021 11:35 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Royalla Quarry Opposition

**Categories:** 00. Objective

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. We're responding on behalf of Minister Gentleman.

As far as we are aware the proposal below is outside of the ACT and therefore will not require approvals from the ACT Planning and Land Authority. We would recommend your contact your local council and also your local member for the NSW Parliament.

Kind regards

Office of Mick Gentleman MLA  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** GENTLEMAN <GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Royalla Quarry Opposition

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To Mick Gentleman MLA  
Brindabella

**I strongly oppose** a new State Significant Development Application that you have or are about to receive regarding a rock quarry proposal by Monaro Rock P/L on Monaro Station Road, off Old Cooma Road near Royalla and Googong, NSW.

We live within the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) local government area.

The proposed site is zoned **E2 Environmental Conservation** as described in the Clause 2.8 Queanbeyan Local Environmental Plan 2012 in Part 2 of the Land Use Table

Objectives of the Zone are as follows:-

- \*To protect, manage and restore areas of high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values
- \*To prevent development that could destroy, damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on those values
- \*To protect threatened species and rivers, creeks and gully ecosystems within Queanbeyan
- \*To protect water quality by preventing inappropriate development within catchment areas.

Monaro Rock is bypassing local government and applying for State Significant Development knowing that the local govt will not approve such a destructive development.

The proposed blast zone is very close to the ACT border and is 2km away from the south eastern suburbs of ACT, namely Theodore Calwell and Conder.

The locals do not want a third quarry. The existing quarry at the Holcin Jerrabomberra and Williamsdale sites produce the same rock aggregate and neither site is operating at full capacity. Monaro Rock P/L is a family business who's primary goal is to save costs by not having to buy aggregate from existing quarries.

Living in an area with a quarry, we hear underground explosions that sound and feel like heavy artillery and the crushing of the rock into aggregate is extremely loud. Dust from these operations travels many kilometres. We live on a narrow country road that has seen an increase in traffic as population grows in the area. The company has admitted that 100 trucks per day each way, will be on this road, while the locals are trying to get to work and school. The infrastructure simply isn't here to support this proposal. Who will pay for the road's repair or upgrade? NOT Monaro Rock.

Since the development of the last two quarries, we have endured a severe two year drought which resulted in dams drying out, Jerrabomberra Creek running dry and the aquifer failing.

To mitigate the dust produced by the quarry operation, water from the aquifer will be sprayed on the dust to settle it. There will be another drought and it will likely be longer than two years. We cannot support heavy industry in this area.

On the property of the proposed quarry there lives a nesting pair of wedge tail eagles (*Aquila audax*) they nest in the same tree every year, they are known to locals and we look out for them and care for their well being. It is for the wedge tail eagles that I also strongly oppose the quarry.

I do not want the State government to grant permission to destroy this E2 Environmental Conservation Zone. We, the people do not want a third quarry.

Please do not underestimate our community's opposition to this.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 July 2023 11:00 AM  
**To:** GENTLEMAN  
**Cc:** BURCH  
**Subject:** Proposed Hard Rock Quarry Impacting Tuggeranong  
**Attachments:** M Gentleman, Monaro Rock Quarry, 24.07.23.pdf

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Dear Minister

Please find attached a letter on the abovementioned matter.

Regards

[REDACTED]

24 July 2023

Mr Mick Gentleman  
Minister for Planning and Land Management  
ACT Government  
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Via email: [gentleman@act.gov.au](mailto:gentleman@act.gov.au)

Dear Minister

### **Proposed Hard Rock Quarry Impacting Tuggeranong**

I am a lifelong resident of Tuggeranong and a longtime (but somewhat waning) supporter of the Barr Government. This is my first letter to you or your government or, in fact, any ACT government member, in my almost 30 years as a voting constituent.

You would no doubt be aware of the hard rock quarry proposed by Monaro Rock on the ACT border in Tuggeranong. The quarry is not insignificant in terms of scale, with the initial application seeking approval for the extraction of 750,000 tonnes of rock per annum. As a 'hard rock' quarry, all means of extraction will generate significant noise.

The site is some 700m from the ACT boundary in Tuggeranong and less than 1500m from the nearest homes in Theodore. Its location within the Tuggeranong bowl, however, will mean that noise intrusion from rock extraction will readily extend beyond just Theodore, with Calwell, Richardson, Chisholm, Gilmore, Isabella Plains and Fadden also heavily impacted. Further, most remaining suburbs in South Tuggeranong will be impacted to some degree depending on weather conditions, ambient noise levels and the method of extraction being deployed at the time.

The land upon which the quarry is proposed is currently zoned for rural uses, with extractive industries not permissible. The proponent is seeking approval of the quarry as a State Significant Development via the NSW Government, bypassing the otherwise required local approvals from Queanbeyan-Palerang Council.

As Minister for ACT Planning and Land Management, and as Member for Brindabella, I seek your advice on the following matters:

- (a) As Member for Brindabella, what representations have you made to the NSW Government in relation to this proposal;
- (b) What actions have you or will you take in relation to this matter as Minister for Planning and Land Management, with responsibility for cross-border planning issues;
- (c) Does the ACT Government have a power of veto on planning matters within close proximity to the ACT border and is it prepared to use it;

- (d) What is the ACT Government doing to protect the residential amenity of Tuggeranong residents from land uses (such as quarrying) that are incompatible with residential uses?

As with all matters relating to planning approvals, time is of the essence, so your prompt consideration of the above matters would be appreciated. NSW Planning is currently assessing the application for this quarry.

Yours sincerely



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Member for Brindabella

Our ref: 23/84633

Dear [REDACTED]

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Further information on the status of the application can be found at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/monaro-rock-quarry-project>.

Thank you for raising this matter with me and for your interest in this proposal. I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for Planning and Land Management

5/8/2023



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Objective ref: 21/84582

## RECORD OF CONTACT/CONVERSATION

**Conversation time: 12pm – 1pm, Tuesday 21 September 2021**

**CONVERSATION WITH:** [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both representing the  
**Royalla Quarry Opposition Committee**

**CONTACT PHONE:** [REDACTED]

**SUBJECT DISCUSSED: Monaro Rock Quarry Proposal in Royalla NSW**

### Advice provided

#### Background:

*On 9 September 2021, the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), Impact Assessment Team met with the proponent for the Monaro Rock quarry proposal. Proposed works within the ACT include an access road and a new intersection to enter the Monaro Highway. To date, no formal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping request was received.*

*On 15 September 2021, [REDACTED] emailed Ms Rebecca Vassarotti, the Minister for the Environment and requested to meet with ACT Government and discuss the proposal. The Impact Assessment Team received her request from the Minister's office and contacted her to organise a meeting.*

*On 21 September 2021, the meeting was held with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] representing the Royalla Quarry Opposition Committee (the Committee). Due to the current lockdown, this meeting was conducted through Microsoft Teams. Dominic Riches, A/g Senior Director and Helen Hai from Impact Assessment, EPSDD were both attended the meeting.*

- Dominic Riches as the meeting organiser welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a short introduction of his role and the function of Impact Assessment Team.
- EPSDD explained to the Committee that there were 3 types of DA assessment tracks being code, merit and impact track, and impact track was the most comprehensive assessment for assessing developments in the ACT. For example, if a project was likely to have impact on protected matters under ACT or Commonwealth legislation, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or EIS exemption would have to be sought prior to development approval.
- EPSDD gave an overview of the whole project, and current status and process for the Monaro Rock quarry application that is currently being considered by the NSW Government. The project is currently undergoing the scoping stage with Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (NSW Planning Department). Once the scoping stage is finalised and EIS is submitted, the EIS will be notified by NSW for 28 working days. Please note the document equivalent to the EIS in ACT is called Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) in NSW.
- EPSDD advised the Committee that EPSDD recently had a preliminary meeting on the request of the proponent for Monaro Rock quarry proposal. In the meeting the proponents discussed two options to access the Monaro Highway. One option was to use existing road network in Royalla, NSW which the anticipated traffic generation from the quarry would likely impact on private residences in the vicinity. Another option was to build a new access road and a new intersection to enter the Monaro Highway which would be away from these private residences and these proposed works would be wholly contained in Block 1414 Tuggeranong, ACT.



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- EPSDD outlined that if the new access road was proposed with intersection to enter the Monaro Highway, surveys must be undertaken on the subject site for all protected matters. The proponent has indicated that focus is on the assessment of box-gum woodland to understand which assessment path applies.
- EPSDD emphasised to the Committee that information the proponent has provided to date was limited.
- The Committee asked whether ACT Government would be providing comments to the NSW Government about the quarry application and urged it was timely for the ACT Government to make submission now so all concerns would be considered in the SEARs scoping stage.
- EPSDD informed the Committee that ACT Government already expressed its interest on the quarry application to NSW Government because of its proximity to the ACT, particularly about any potential impacts to residents in Tuggeranong District. Contact has already been established on the officer level with the officer responsible for this project within the NSW Planning Department and the officer agreed to provide ongoing updates on the project. The Impact Assessment Team also set up a notification on NSW Planning Department's website for future updates on the project.
- The Committee asked if NSW Government had consulted ACT Government on the SEARs. EPSDD stated that to date there was no formal referral received from the NSW Government about the quarry application. EPSDD stated that the quarry itself is outside ACT's jurisdiction and there was no formal/legal avenue for ACT Government to provide formal comment on the scoping stage.
- EPSDD stated that ACT Government would be consulted and/or will review the detail at the draft EIS stage.
- EPSDD stated that the NSW Planning Department will be contacted to ask if input is required at the scoping stage. EPSDD stated that, if required, the input would require internal discussions and agreements from Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and ACT Health and its executives.
- The Committee raised their concerns on noise and silicon dust impacts to residential areas in the Tuggeranong District from the proposed quarry and suggested that ACT Health's current process in considering community concerns on any potential health issues from dust generated by the proposed quarry was inadequate.
- EPSDD gave a detailed description on the ACT EIS process and how formal referrals to all relevant entities within the ACT Government would be made at various stages throughout the EIS/DA processes.
- EPSDD stated that if an EIS and Impact DA were required for the proposal, the application would be referred to mandatory entities such as EPA, ACT Health, and Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act 2007*. These entities would draw their expertise in examining impacts like noise, dust and traffic, and would review any modelling and mitigation measures, documented in the EIS. Information gathered through the EIS would be used to inform the development assessment at the DA stage.
- EPSDD explained the bilateral agreement between ACT Government and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) relating to environmental assessment and approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).
- EPSDD advised that works approval from the National Capital Authority would be required because the Monaro Highway is designated area as identified in the Territory Plan.
- EPSDD outlined that currently the proposal requires assessment under four jurisdictions including NSW Government (for the part of the proposal in NSW), the ACT Government (for the part of the proposal in ACT), the National Capital Authority and the Commonwealth (DAWE for protected matters under the EPBC Act).
- The Committee also asked about whether dust impact on the solar farm nearby would be a major concern to the ACT Government. EPSDD indicated that it would be considered low impact compared to the potential health impacts from noise and dust.



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- EPSDD indicated that the information provided by the proponent stated the distance between the proposed quarry site and the nearest residential area in Tuggeranong to be 2km. The Committee initially stated the distance to be about 500 metres from Tuggeranong and corrected the stated the distance to be around 1.5km.
- While EPSDD agreed that the committee should make a direct submission to the NSW Government. This would make the NSW Government aware that communities in the local area have concerns with the proposal.
- The Committee asked about whether there were any cross-border development examples like this project. ESPDD provided an example of developments in Hume but emphasised that ACT legislative requirements generally stopped at the border.
- The Committee asked about the proposed access road and associated cost and benefit regarding construction of this road and its ongoing maintenance and how traffic impact would be assessed in the area. EPSDD advised that construction cost of the new road would be the proponent's responsibility and TCCS would be the responsible entity to assess the new road against TCCS' design standards and Australian Standards.

Follow up action:

- EPSDD to contact NSW Planning Department to query whether ACT can be involved in their scoping stage.

*\*Electronic approval at the Director/Executive Director level required. Place the approval email in the Objective file.*

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**To:** [EPSDD DLO](#)  
**Cc:** [Ferson, Brodie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: For re-direction to GENTLEMAN - Query from a Constituent regarding a proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road  
**Date:** Tuesday, 17 October 2023 10:08:40 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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Reply Please.

Thank you.

## Office of Mick Gentleman MLA

Member for Brindabella

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**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 2:28 PM  
**To:** GENTLEMAN <[GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au](mailto:GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: For re-direction to GENTLEMAN - Query from a Constituent regarding a proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road  
Hey Tash, I hope you had a restful weekend.  
Please see the below, do you accept referral?  
Thank you!  
Connor

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**From:** EPSDD DLO <[EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2023 9:20 AM  
**To:** VASSAROTTI <[VASSAROTTI@act.gov.au](mailto:VASSAROTTI@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Sutton, Paula <[Paula.Sutton@act.gov.au](mailto:Paula.Sutton@act.gov.au)>; EPSDD DLO <[EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** For re-direction to GENTLEMAN - Query from a Constituent regarding a proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road

OFFICIAL

Hi Connor,

The EPSDD Statutory Planning area are happy to respond to the constituent on behalf of Minister Gentleman.

Could you please re-direct to GENTLEMAN?

Thank you.

Best,

Ray

**Ray Ren | Directorate Liaison Officer**

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**To:** EPSDD DLO <[EPSDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:EPSDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Sutton, Paula <[Paula.Sutton@act.gov.au](mailto:Paula.Sutton@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Query from a Constituent regarding a proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road

**Yes Ray one for Min G pls - Tash**

Hey Ray,  
Could the EPSDD please advise on the below?  
Thank you!  
Connor

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**From:** Orrell, Kelli <[Kelli.Orrell@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:Kelli.Orrell@parliament.act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2023 3:04 PM  
**To:** VASSAROTTI <[VASSAROTTI@act.gov.au](mailto:VASSAROTTI@act.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Wyche, Alexander <[Alexander.Wyche@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:Alexander.Wyche@parliament.act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Query from a Constituent regarding a proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road

Good afternoon

Our office has received an inquiry from a Constituent regarding a proposed rock quarry development on Monaro Road, just near the ACT Border.

The constituent has raised concerns about potential environmental and noise issues for residents in Tuggeranong should the quarry proceed.

Are you able to provide advice on whether this is proceeding and if approval has been sought, and given, through EPSDD?

Kind regards  
Kelli Orrell

## **Kelli Orrell**

Senior Adviser | Office of Elizabeth Lee MLA

Member for Kurrajong

Leader of the Opposition

Shadow Treasurer

Shadow Minister for Housing Affordability and Choice

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Member for Brindabella

Elizabeth Lee MLA  
Member for Kurrajong  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
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Our ref: 23/107604

Dear Ms Lee MLA *ELIZABETH*

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 October 2023 about the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry near Royalla NSW.

The proponent for this proposal has submitted this proposal to the NSW Government through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The proposal has been identified by the NSW Government as a state significant project (SSD-27223807) and therefore is to be assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (NSW DPE).

In 2021, the NSW DPE consulted on the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) which are the scoping requirements for the EIS. The proposal was for the establishment of a quarry to extract up to 750,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock from a resource of approximately 32.4million tonnes for up to 30 years. At the time, the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) provided comments on the SEARs. EPSDD raised matters to be addressed in the EIS including:

- consultation
- impacts on the surrounding residents
- noise and vibration
- air quality and impacts on human health
- traffic and site access and
- cumulative impacts on the surrounding environmental values such as Box-Gum Woodland

EPSSD's full response, and other entity comments, were notified at

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Further information on the status of the application can be found at

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/monaro-rock-quarry-project>.

I trust the information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Mick Gentleman MLA  
Minister for Planning and Land Management

13/11/2023

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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 September 2025 9:41 AM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Cc:** Holohan, Teleatha; Buckle, Grace  
**Subject:** MIN RESPONSE: Letter from Ms Caitlin Tough MLA RE Monaro Rock Quarry 23.9.25  
**Attachments:** 20250923 Letter to STEEL re Quarry.pdf

Hey Liana

Could I please request a Min response?

Thanks  
Emily

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**From:** TOUGH  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 September 2025 6:03 PM  
**To:** STEEL  
**Subject:** Letter from Ms Caitlin Tough MLA RE Monaro Rock Quarry 23.9.25





Good evening Minister Steel's office,

Please see the attached correspondence from Ms Tough regarding the Monaro Rock quarry.

Kind regards,

  
Adviser

Caitlin Tough MLA, Member for Brindabella

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for Brindabella



# Caitlin Tough

## MLA | Labor for Brindabella



23

September 2025

Mr Chris Steel MLA  
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development  
Steel@act.gov.au

Dear Minister Steel,

Chris

I am writing on behalf of my constituents who have raised concerns about the proposed quarry by Monaro Rock near Royalla, New South Wales, which is under 3km from the closest houses in Brindabella.

I have received numerous representations from constituents with concerns and objections to the proposal. The most frequent concerns are about the impacts on:

- air quality, particularly about ultra-fine dust and silica particles on respiratory health with long term exposure,
- water security, including the impact on Tuggeranong Creek, Lake Tuggeranong and the Murrumbidgee River,
- road safety, particularly on the Monaro Highway, and
- environmental risks to native flora and fauna who call the site home.

I have suggested to concerned constituents that they make submissions through the NSW Planning Portal before the submissions period closes on Wednesday 24 September 2025.

I understand the City and Environment Directorate have engaged with Monaro Rock's Environmental Impact Statement and earlier in the process. Can you provide further details on the engagement by the City and Environment Directorate and the ACT Government on Monaro Rock's proposed quarry?

If approved by the NSW Planning Authority, Monaro Rock has flagged the need to build a road connecting the quarry to the Monaro Highway to allow for the movement of up to 200 truck journeys per day. This intersection of this road with the Monaro Highway will require an ACT Development Application and approval from the Commonwealth Government. Has there been any engagement from Monaro Rock with the ACT Government on the proposed road and intersection and what steps will Monaro Rock be required to undertake as part of this process?

I thank your office for their engagement with my office to date on Monaro Rock's proposed quarry. We will continue to provide your office with any correspondence we receive from constituents about the proposed quarry with your office. I will be making a submission on behalf of concerned




Authorised by Caitlin Tough MLA for ACT Labor

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constituents through the NSW Planning Portal and am arranging to meet with Monaro Rock in the coming weeks to discuss their plans.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours Sincerely,



Caitlin Tough MLA  
Member for Brindabella

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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 October 2025 5:07 PM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Subject:** RE: MIN RESPONSE: Letter re Monaro Rock Quarry  
**Attachments:** Monaro Rock Quarry\_Smith MP .pdf

Hey Liana

See attached.

Thanks

Emily

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**From:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 October 2025 2:35 PM  
**To:** STEEL  
**Cc:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Subject:** RE: MIN RESPONSE: Letter re Monaro Rock Quarry

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Hey Emily

There's no letter attached to this one – can you please send through.

Thank you

Liana

**Liana Brozic | Directorate Liaison Officer**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, 9 October 2025 1:19 PM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer <[CEDDLO@act.gov.au](mailto:CEDDLO@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** MIN RESPONSE: Letter re Monaro Rock Quarry

Hey Liana

Can I please request a Min response?

Thanks

Emily

**From:** ORR <[ORR@act.gov.au](mailto:ORR@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 October 2025 10:43 AM  
**To:** Smith, David (MP) <[David.Smith.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:David.Smith.MP@aph.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** STEEL <[STEEL@act.gov.au](mailto:STEEL@act.gov.au)>; Milthorpe, Josh <[Josh.Milthorpe@act.gov.au](mailto:Josh.Milthorpe@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter re Monaro Rock Quarry

OFFICIAL

Good morning Team David Smith

Thank you for including Minister Orr in your correspondence to Minister Scully.

For future reference, could you also include Minister Steel as his office is taking the lead on this one in the Assembly.

Kind regards

**Adam Busselmann**

**Office Manager | Office of Suzanne Orr MLA**

Member for Yerrabi

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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*I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region.*

*I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.*

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**From:** Smith, David (MP) <[David.Smith.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:David.Smith.MP@aph.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 October 2025 10:24 AM  
**To:** [office@scully.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@scully.minister.nsw.gov.au)  
**Cc:** [monaro@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:monaro@parliament.nsw.gov.au); ORR <[ORR@act.gov.au](mailto:ORR@act.gov.au)>; TOUGH <[TOUGH@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:TOUGH@parliament.act.gov.au)>; TAIMUS.WG <[TAIMUS.WG@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:TAIMUS.WG@parliament.act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Letter re Monaro Rock Quarry

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Dear Minister's team

Please find attached a letter from David Smith MP, Member for Bean, re the Monaro Rock Quarry.

Kind regards

Office of David Smith MP

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*The electorate of Bean is on the land of the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people – land that was, is and always will be Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the knowledge and traditions of the traditional owners and their elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to life in the electorate of Bean.*



The Hon Paul Scully MP, Member for Wollongong  
NSW Minister for Planning  
Via email: [office@scully.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@scully.minister.nsw.gov.au)

**Re: Monaro Rock Quarry**

Dear Minister

I have been contacted by several constituents regarding the development application for the establishment of a quarry to extract up to 1,000,000 tonnes per annum of hard rock, referred to as the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry, in Royalla NSW.

Although the proposed quarry is in NSW, I have received representations from the members of the Lanyon Valley community in my electorate of Bean. Their concerns, as ACT residents, relate to the following:

- Being broadly concerned around the biodiversity and environmental impact
- Noise impacts across the district
- Dust generated by the quarries, its ability to travel many kilometres across into Bean and the potential for it to contain silica
- Additional traffic impact on the Monaro Highway

I understand that the planning assessment process is ongoing through the Planning department, given the development is a State Significant Development, but I would appreciate that you note my community's concerns and provide advice as how constituents of Bean can make representations. I know you will understand that community consultation on this development will be important both sides of the border.

I have copied this correspondence to local Members of the legislative assembly, ACT Minister for the Environment, Suzanne Orr MLA, and the member for Monaro.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Your sincerely

**David Smith MP**  
**Member for Bean**  
**8 October 2025**

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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 October 2025 1:24 PM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Cc:** Buckle, Grace; Holohan, Teleatha  
**Subject:** MIN RESPONSE: Community Opposition to Monaro Rock Quarry  
**Attachments:** ACT CM\_Royalla Quarry.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hey Liana

Can I please request a Min response?

Thanks  
Emily

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**From:** BARR  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 September 2025 5:37 PM  
**To:** STEEL  
**Subject:** FW: Community Opposition to Monaro Rock Quarry  
**Importance:** High

Hi Emily

May your office be able to accept carriage of this matter?

Many thanks

Brandon

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 September 2025 5:14 PM  
**To:** BARR <[BARR@act.gov.au](mailto:BARR@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Community Opposition to Monaro Rock Quarry  
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Dear Chief Minister,

Please find attached a letter outlining my strong opposition to the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry at Enchanted Hill. I have also attached a copy of my formal submission lodged with the NSW Planning Portal for your reference.

This project poses significant risks to our community — including heavy truck traffic, dust and silica exposure, destruction of critically endangered habitat, and long-term impacts on water resources and amenity. It will affect not just Royalla, but the broader region and, for ACT recipients, commuters and residents across Canberra.

I would be grateful for your urgent attention and advocacy to ensure that this proposal is rejected in the public interest.

Kind regards,



The Hon. Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory  
Legislative Assembly for the ACT  
GPO Box 1020  
Canberra ACT 2601

**Subject:** Please Stand with Royalla – Stop the Monaro Rock Quarry

Dear Andrew,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Royalla to ask for your urgent support in opposing the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry at Enchanted Hill.

Royalla is a unique and beautiful rural community — we moved here for peace, the clean air, and the chance to live close to nature. This proposal threatens to destroy everything that makes this place special.

If approved, the quarry would:

- Clear over **22.44 hectares of critically endangered Box-Gum Grassy Woodland**, destroying habitat for hundreds of native species.
- Generate **up to 500 truck movements per day** (including quarry trucks and concrete agitators), putting our families, school buses, and cyclists at risk on rural roads and the Monaro Highway.
- Cover our homes, tanks and gardens in dust, including **dangerous respirable silica dust**, and contaminate the very rainwater we drink.
- Shatter the tranquility of our community with blasting, crushing, and **round-the-clock industrial noise**.
- Extract **tens of millions of litres of water** each year for dust suppression and production — in a region already vulnerable to drought.

This is not a small quarry. It is a **35-year industrial complex** with a quarry, concrete batching plant, and asphalt plant operating side by side. It will permanently industrialise our area and turn a quiet rural community into a transport corridor.

Nobody proposing, funding, or approving this project lives here. None of them will have to deal with the dust settling on their roofs, the trucks

thundering past their driveways, or the blasts rattling their windows. If they did, I doubt they would ever consider approving such a project.

Our community is united in opposition to this proposal. We are not anti-development, but this is the wrong project, in the wrong place, at the wrong time.

This project will not stop at the NSW border — the EIS confirms significant cross-border impacts. Heavy truck traffic will move along the Monaro Highway through Hume and Fyshwick, adding congestion, noise and accident risk for ACT commuters. Dust and emissions will travel into the ACT, affecting homes, schools and businesses. Water extraction may also impact the shared catchment relied on by both ACT and NSW communities.

I respectfully ask that you formally engage with the NSW Government, Department of Planning to oppose this development and protect the health, safety, and amenity of ACT residents who will bear many of the consequences of this proposal despite having no say in its approval.

Kind regards,



# Submission to NSW Planning – Objection to the Monaro Rock Quarry (SSD-27223807)



Date: 16 Sep 2025

## 1) Summary position

I strongly object to the Monaro Rock Quarry at Enchanted Hill. The EIS itself confirms this is not a small quarry: it is a 30–35 year, multi-facility **industrial complex** (quarry + **concrete batching plant + asphalt plant + concrete recycling**) on the edge of a rural community. The scale, duration and ancillary plants are incompatible with Royalla’s rural residential character and will impose unacceptable environmental, health, traffic and amenity impacts.

## 2) Scale and duration far beyond a “quarry”

- **Project life:** The EIS seeks **35 years** of operations plus 3–5 years of rehabilitation. That is effectively permanent for the current community.
- **Ancillary plants:** Proponent seeks approval for a concrete batching plant (up to **50,000 m<sup>3</sup>/yr** and **50 agitator loads/day**) and an asphalt plant (up to **50,000 t/yr, 1,000 t/day in campaigns**). These are not minor; they greatly intensify industrial activity and heavy-vehicle traffic.

## 3) Traffic and safety risks

- The EIS allows **up to 200 laden heavy-vehicle loads/day** (with a cap of **25 loads/hour**), plus up to **50 concrete agitator loads/day**. Even using the proponent’s own limits, that is an extreme traffic burden on the Monaro Highway and local approaches, with significant safety and noise consequences for residents, school buses and cyclists.
- The quarry relies on a new **Quarry Access Road** crossing the disused rail line to connect to the Monaro Highway, shifting an industrial freight task into a rural setting and increasing cumulative impacts over decades.

**Ask:** Independent road safety audit; modelling of peak-hour, weekend and campaign traffic (asphalt/concrete) and cumulative growth; and refusal unless impacts can be objectively contained (they cannot be, given the volumes sought).

#### 4) Dust, health and water

- **Dust & silica risk:** With blasting, crushing, stockpiles, truck movements and two ancillary plants, the risk of PM<sub>10</sub>/PM<sub>2.5</sub> and **respirable crystalline silica** exposure is obvious and persists for 3+ decades, especially for rainwater-tank households. (Refer to EIS Air Quality, HHRA sections and mitigation reliance.)
- **Water demand:** The EIS estimates **~12 ML/yr** for access-road dust suppression **plus 5–13 ML/yr** for operational areas, **and up to 9 ML/yr** for concrete production, excluding evaporation/infiltration losses. This is a large and ongoing take in a drying climate, with reliance on dams, sediment basins and a production bore.
- **Harvestable right dams:** The proponent relies on building out to a **Maximum Harvestable Right Dam Capacity of 38.71 ML** on the property, plus groundwater and external tankers. This signals sustained extraction to sustain industrial dust control and plant operations — an inappropriate demand in this catchment.

**Ask:** Refuse the application on precautionary grounds given long-term health and catchment risks, and the proponent's dependence on continuous water extraction to meet even "mitigated" dust performance.

#### 5) Biodiversity, threatened ecological communities & cultural heritage

- The EIS maps **22.44 ha** of **critically endangered Box-Gum Woodland** within the site — part of **77+ ha** of native vegetation affected. Destruction/fragmentation of this TEC is inconsistent with the objects of the EP&A Act and the principles of ESD.
- The assessment acknowledges Aboriginal cultural values/artefacts in the landscape, alongside ring and scar trees in the locality — impacts here are irreversible once clearing and blasting begin. (Refer EIS Aboriginal Heritage section.)

**Ask:** Refuse due to significant residual impacts on a **critically endangered** TEC and Aboriginal heritage values that cannot be genuinely offset at this location.

#### 6) Questionable "need" and alternatives

- The "need" case relies on a very coarse demand proxy (**4.2 t/person/year**) and long-range population projections. Even the EIS concedes this rests on **assumptions** (e.g., future construction methods) and that other scenarios still show shortfalls even **with** this quarry — i.e., the model is not dispositive of site suitability.
- Meanwhile, multiple established quarries already supply the region; this proposal simply relocates an industrial burden to the Royalla community while

adding two more plants (asphalt and concrete) at the pit. (See EIS demand/supply discussion.)

**Ask:** Give minimal weight to speculative regional demand modelling; give determinative weight to certain, localised, long-term harm.

## **7) Social impact and amenity**

Over 30–35 years, continuous blasting, truck movements, campaign asphalt operations and night/early-morning works will **permanently alter** Royalla’s rural amenity, depress property values and impose chronic noise/stress on families. The EIS proposes “mitigation,” but not elimination, of these harms; for a rural-residential area, the residual impact is unacceptable.

## **Conclusion**

On its own evidence, the EIS proposes a large, multi-decade industrial precinct beside a rural community, with heavy traffic, significant water demand, dust/silica risk, and the clearing of **critically endangered woodland**. The proposal is **incompatible** with surrounding land uses, **unjustified** by speculative demand, and **contrary** to the public interest.

**Furthermore**, the traffic and operational figures presented in the EIS are highly likely to be exceeded in practice. Counting and enforcing a limit of “200 laden truck loads plus 50 agitator loads per day” would be extremely difficult over a 35-year operating life, especially when combined with campaign operations for asphalt production.

Community information sessions indicate a consensus that **actual movements could approach 500 per day**, which aligns with the scale of production being sought. It is unreasonable to expose residents to this level of uncertainty, noise, dust, and safety risk for decades with no realistic way to monitor and cap daily truck volumes.

**I respectfully request refusal of SSD-27223807.**

Sincerely,



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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 October 2025 1:25 PM  
**To:** CED, Directorate Liaison Officer  
**Cc:** Buckle, Grace; Holohan, Teleatha  
**Subject:** MIN RESPONSE: Monaro Rock Quarry and concrete recycling / asphalt manufacture

Hey Liana

Can I please request a Min response?

Thanks  
Emily

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**From:** BARR  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 September 2025 10:25 AM  
**To:** STEEL  
**Subject:** FW: Monaro Rock Quarry and concrete recycling / asphalt manufacture

Hi Emily

May your office be able to accept carriage of this matter?

Many thanks

Brandon

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 September 2025 4:21 PM  
**To:** BARR <[BARR@act.gov.au](mailto:BARR@act.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Monaro Rock Quarry and concrete recycling / asphalt manufacture

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27.09.2025

Dear Chief Minister,

I am writing as I am very concerned about the prospect of the proposed industrial development of the Monaro Rock Quarry with its concrete recycling and asphalt manufacturing plant.

I live in Banks ACT in the Lanyon Valley which is very close to the proposed location of Enchanted Hill - just over the hill from us.

My concerns include the following:

- air pollution from the rock quarrying and concrete recycling and asphalt manufacture, in particular silica dust and other particulate matter, possibly affecting the health of thousands of Canberra residents and workers
- polluted water flowing through Tuggeranong and into the Murrumbidgee River
- land pollution and degradation and threat to biodiversity including the critically endangered Box-Gum Grassy Woodland
- damage to important aboriginal artefacts including the ring tree and scar tree
- increased traffic with hundreds of heavy vehicles using our roads and adding further wear to the increasingly damaged road surfaces
- drop in house prices because of the proximity of the industrial site

The developers have stated that house buybacks are possible so they are very aware of the many risks and issues.

I am particularly worried about the air quality in the Tuggeranong Valley. This is already very problematic. Dust will blow from the quarry especially when blasting is occurring, and will blow from trucks as they travel. Everyone will be at a heightened risk of asthma and other serious respiratory problems as well as silicosis in the future.

Please act to stop this proposed quarry development from going ahead.

Yours faithfully,



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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 October 2025 2:14 PM  
**To:** TOUGH  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development  
**Attachments:** SIGNED - Response - Steel to Caitlin Tough MLA - Monaro Rock Quarry.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see attached correspondence from Minister Steel.

Kind regards,

**Emily Byass**

Office Manager

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Member for Murrumbidgee

Ms Caitlin Tough  
Member for Brindabella  
tough@parliament.act.gov.au

Our ref:25/0421179

Dear Ms Tough *Caitlin*

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 2025 regarding concerns raised by your constituents about the proposed quarry by Monaro Rock near Royalla, New South Wales, which is close to the ACT.

I am advised that the City and Environment Directorate (CED) has been in contact with the NSW Government and recently provided comments to them on this proposal, which is available in the attached letter of 24 September 2025. This includes comments regarding:

- water quality, including erosion and sediment control;
- air quality, dust, and noise and vibration impacts;
- fire management;
- environment protection, including conservation and diversity;
- bushfire management; and
- heritage

The letter also advises of the additional application requirements for development within the ACT, including the requirement for a Development Application (DA) for any new road on Territory Land and for separate Works Approval from the National Capital Authority, noting the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposal identifies preferred access for the quarry via the Monaro Highway. I am aware relevant CED staff have had initial contact with the proponent however, no final position as to the new road suitability or connection point has been provided to date.

In the event of a DA within the ACT being lodged, it will be publicly notified and concerned residents will have the opportunity to make their representations to the independent Territory Planning Authority. I do note the proposal identified also potential vehicle access from within NSW only so an ACT DA may not eventuate.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Steel', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chris Steel MLA  
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development  
20 October 2025

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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 November 2025 3:35 PM  
**To:** argobbo@optusnet.com.au  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Minister Steel  
**Attachments:** Steel to [REDACTED] - Monaro Rock Quarry concerns - 250427440.pdf; ATTACH - Monaro Rock Quarry.pdf

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Please see attached correspondence from Minister Steel.

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Our ref: 25/0427440

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 September 2025 about the Monaro Rock Quarry to the Chief Minister. I am responding to you as this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities.

The ACT Government is aware of this proposed development. Recently the ACT's City and Environment Directorate staff wrote to the NSW Government providing comments on the exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I have attached a copy of this letter for your information.

While I appreciate your concerns, as the proposed development is within NSW, the development will be assessed and determined by the NSW Government. I therefore encourage you to voice your concerns to the relevant NSW Government department. You can keep informed of the project here: [Monaro Rock Quarry Project | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment](#)

As per the attached letter, there is potential for an ACT Government approval being needed for the development's access road. If this is pursued, the development application (DA) will be assessed and determined by the independent ACT Territory Planning Authority. Such a DA will go through its own public notification and representation period where you will have further opportunity to voice your concerns to the Authority.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Steel MLA

Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

11 November 2025

Attachment – Letter to NSW Government

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**From:** STEEL  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 November 2025 3:35 PM  
**To:** David.Smith.MP@aph.gov.au  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Minister Steel  
**Attachments:** Steel to David Smith MP - Monaro Rock Quarry concerns - 250427431.pdf;  
Attachment - Response to NSW Government.pdf

Good afternoon David Smith,

Please see attached correspondence from Minister Steel.

Kind regards,

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David Smith MP  
Member for Bean  
[david.smith.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:david.smith.mp@aph.gov.au)

Our ref: 25/0427431

Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your letter dated 8 October 2025 about the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry to Member for Wollongong the Hon Paul Scully. I appreciate you copying in members of the ACT Legislative Assembly. I am responding as this matter falls under my portfolio.

Although the development is within NSW, the ACT Government is aware of the proposal and recently made comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as attached. I and relevant officials will be monitoring the project with interest.

You may wish to share that community members can follow the progress of this proposal here:  
[Monaro Rock Quarry Project | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment.](#)

As per the attached correspondence, there may be further opportunities for the community to make comment on the project including if a development application is made within the ACT for an access road to the site.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Steel MLA  
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development  
11 November 2025

Attachment – Letter to NSW Government

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**From:** Cilliers, George  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 September 2025 5:09 PM  
**To:** Davies, Richard  
**Cc:** CED Impact; Barrett, Lucy  
**Subject:** RE: Monaro Quarry CED response - V2  
**Attachments:** Monaro Quarry CED response - V2.obr; Monaro Quarry CED response - V2 (A57593722).pdf

Thanks Richard,  
Made some further edits. Signed letter attached

Regards  
George

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Davies, Richard <Richard.Davies@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 September 2025 4:33 PM  
**To:** Cilliers, George <George.Cilliers@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Monaro Quarry CED response - V2

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