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Dear Sir/Madam

MINING IN THE HEADWATERS OF THE CLARENCE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU?

As you may be aware mining exploration leases for gold and antimony covering a significant portion of the Dorriggo Plateau have been granted to Anchor Resources. This area forms a major catchment for the Clarence River.



The Blinks River Guardians are concerned to protect our waterways from any potential negative impacts from mining. As you would understand, unpolluted water is an invaluable resource for human health, agriculture, fisheries and tourism and for the environment itself.

The following links will take you to our web page and that of Dorriggo Environment Watch. Here you will find details of the leases across the Plateau and the issues we believe are pertinent:

www.blicksriverguardians.org

<http://www.dorriggoenvironmentwatch.org.au>

In brief, these are some of the main reasons why we are concerned:

- The negative impact of mining for minerals in high rainfall water catchments including economic loss due to contamination and clean up, and potentially irreversible environmental degradation and pollution of waterways
- The issue of mine tailings contaminating catchments in extreme rainfall events, posing significant and unacceptable threats to agriculture, fisheries, tourism, human health and biodiversity
- The inability to prevent toxic runoff entering into waterways, as evidenced during past and current mining activities in this region

We are planning a public meeting in Grafton on Saturday 15 March 2014 with speakers from the mining, political, legal, community and environment sectors. More details will be available at a later date.

At this meeting we will endeavour to enable all members of the public to have a comprehensive picture of this issue, ensuring informed participation in any debate regarding gold and antimony mining in the Clarence catchment.

We would appreciate it if you could distribute this information to your membership and other affiliated organisations and look forward to your support in this endeavour.

Yours Sincerely
Blinks River Guardians

