

16 April 2026

## Community Update – Navigation Creek Investigation

Dear Resident,

GM<sup>3</sup> would like to reassure nearby residents that there is no risk to public health or safety associated with the issue being investigated near Burrells Road.

On 11 April 2026, GM<sup>3</sup> received a report through its community contact line regarding water emergence and an odour in Navigation Creek. Our staff attended the site immediately to investigate and confirmed the presence of subsurface water discharge and a gas odour emanating from the creek. It has been confirmed that the releases are associated with a 1950's historic exploration borehole adjacent to the creek. The release is now concentrated at that borehole.

An exclusion area has been established around the affected area as a precaution. Residents are advised to avoid entering the area while we continue to manage the issue.

Residents may notice increased activity in the area over the coming days while GM<sup>3</sup> personnel and contractors continue to manage the situation. Traffic control measures will be implemented as required to support the mitigation works, and temporary road closures are expected along Burrells Road and Quirkies Lane, with no impact to property access.

We recognise the odour and noise may be concerning or inconvenient for residents and appreciate your patience while investigations continue. With precautionary controls and monitoring in place there is no risk to public health or safety.

GM<sup>3</sup> takes reports from the community seriously and will continue to provide updates as we monitor the affected area.

If you would like to meet with a member of our project team for further discussion on this matter, please contact Sandra Moreno at XXXXXX.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we continue to manage the situation.

Our **Community Call Line** on **1800 102 210** and email at [community@gm3.au](mailto:community@gm3.au) is also available 24/7 for enquiries and support.

Kind regards,

GM3 Project Team – Appin Mine