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Media release:

OZ Rosebery continues to work with community on water concerns



OZ Rosebery today confirmed the results of independent test results on water seepage in the gardens of two residences in Rosebery.

OZ Rosebery General Manager Stuart Gula said "We commissioned this independent report on behalf of the West Coast Council, EPA and residents to ascertain the quality of the water seepage on these properties."

The results show evidence of some naturally occurring metals, often consistent with highly mineralised regions such as Tasmania's West Coast.

"We have passed the report onto the West Coast Council, EPA and residents who will work together to understand the problem and start to work toward a solution. We will continue to support them in this endeavour," he said.

The report states that the water issue is a combination of water that is flowing onto the properties from an adjacent council roadway and kerb and some close to surface ground water.

The water is not the result of mining operations in the area.

The independent report by Environmental Service & Design reiterated, "The level of water compared to the topography of the area and the existing surface water regime, in addition to the lack of similar occurrences nearby, make it highly unlikely that the water is sourced from the deeper groundwater".

The report found that the water should not be used as drinking water for humans, but it is not being consumed, nor is this likely to occur.

The town's drinking water supply is regularly tested and is not affected.

"We have a commitment to open and honest communication with all our stakeholders and have engaged with the residents, the EPA and West Coast Council since this issue was raised and will continue to support all parties through a resolution," said Stuart.

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