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**DISGUSTING:** Gunning resident Jay Gribbin holding up a glass of brown muddy water, displaying the substandard quality of what flows from the village's taps.

# Glass of mud anybody?

By TOM SEBO

EVERY time Gunning residents turn on their taps substandard muddy water flows out and they are sick and tired of it.

Jay Gribbin told the *Goulburn Post* that since the December 2010 floods locals had been forced to pay top dollar for dirty water they couldn't even drink.

He's had a running battle with Upper

Lachlan Shire Council for the last 12 months, at one point even refusing to pay his rates, and is among more than 200 residents to sign a petition lobbying the council to ensure the town water supply conforms to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and to stop charging for water usage until it is "fit for purpose".

Mr Gribbin has lived in Gunning for more than 25 years and while he says the water quality has never been good, it has certainly

never been this bad.

"The water here has always had a lot of calcium in it but it hasn't been brown like it has been lately," he said.

"The water here has never been good quality but we used to get charged a yearly fee for water - you only paid an excess fee for water if you went over the nominated figure - but now it is user pay, so we are paying top dollar for rubbish. Our water rates are the same as Canberra's and they wouldn't put up with this...would a suburb

of Sydney have to put up with dirty water for more than an hour?"

Mayor John Shaw said he understood the frustration of Gunning residents but insisted they were blaming the wrong people for the problem. He agreed that water quality in the village was not good enough and said Council was doing everything in its power to rectify the situation.

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