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In 1976 the Queensland government again questioned the quarry's legality under the Deed of Trust, but, when Town Clerk Thornley claimed that operations were carried out by Brisbane City Council on Reserve R 476 under the provisions of Ordinance 10 of Part III of the City of Bnsbane Plan as an 'existing non-conforming use' of such land, the matter was dropped.

Brisbane CityWorks, a business unit of Brisbane City Council, continues to quarry for road stone, solving problems of noise and dust nuisance with modern technology, such as the reverse pulse dust collector, developed in 2004 by Donaldson-Torit Dust Collection Equipment. The Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens opened on a disused quarry site in 1969. The quarry's life has currently been extended from 15 to 30 years, and Brisbane citizens are promised extensions to the Botanic Gardens as quarrying operations make new space available.



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19 December 2002

Mr J M & Mrs P V Higgins & Mr G P Higgins 12 Horrocks St TOOWONG QLD 4066

Dear Mr & Mrs Higgins, & Graham

On 18 December 2002 an extraordinary council meeting was held to decide 2 motions. One related to quarries in Brisbane.

The motion was for Council to purchase the Bracalba Quarry at Caboolture. The motion stated that this could "reduce production" at Mt Coot-tha Quarry.

However on looking into it there is a down side. The Council Administration proposed in the motion to extend the life of the Mt Coot-tha Quarry to 30 more years. This is 17 years added to the current agreed life of the quarry.

The Liberal Councillors voted against the motion as we believe it shows callous disregard for the residents living near Mt Coot-tha Quarry, who have not had a say on this proposal.

Here is some background you may be interested in.

TONNAGE

Council records show that the Council operation at Mt Coot-tha Quarry has increased over the years.

A Council report shows that in 1986, tonnage was 250,000 tonnes a year. In 1997 a report revealed the average annual tonnage was 400,000 tonnes a year.

As you are aware the quarry operation increased markedly over the past few years (supposedly to meet the needs of the Inner City Bypass) to a staggering 750,000 tonnes per annum.

RESIDENTS GROUP

This over production resulted in public meetings by residents with the setting up of the Mt Coot-tha Residents Action Group. We called for a stop to this over production and for work practices to improve. There were some improvements at the Quarry.

The motion approved by Council on 18 December will bring production back to 400,000 tonnes a year (as it was a few years ago) <u>BUT</u> extend the life of the quarry from 2015 to 2032.

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3. LIFE OF QUARRY

Prior to 1980 the expected life of the quarry was to 1998. Then the Council Administration increased the size of site by rerouting and upgrading Sir Samuel Griffith Drive and at the same time they increased the life of the quarry to 29 years ie to 2015.

Today another 17 years has been added! (ie to 2032).

PROCESS

There was no consultation despite the fact that the Council has been meeting the residents group on a monthly basis.

If you are dissatisfied with this move to add another 17 years onto the life of this quarry please contact -

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A public meeting will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday 22 January 03 at Mt Coot-tha Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens to discuss the issues.

Yours sincerely,

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Judy Magub
COUNCILLOR FOR TOOWONG