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Dear LORD MAYOR,

Thank you for your reply to my correspondence of November 13th. I shall forward your reply to the local residents.

In particular, I appreciate your clarifying the process for residents to make claims to Jardine Lloyd Thompson against BCC in the case of possible structural damage to their homes, due to blasting vibration from the quarry.

Thank you also for confirming that quarry reserves are consistent with the published closing date for the quarry in 2032. I recall buying my property in 1987, when the generally assumed closing date was 1998. Local residents will be pleased to have some more certainty about the published date.

I shall forward a copy of my previous correspondence to Mr Robert Bell, as you suggest, so he may consider my stated '*concerns about the day-to-day operations*'. I originally sent copies to Mr Terry Bird and Mr Chris Lange. Mr Bird rang me to say that he would not respond personally, but advised that your letter was 'in the mail'.

I also sent copies to officers of the DEHP, DILGP and DNRM, because I believed they were stakeholders in the 'on-going compliance and auditing of the quarry', to use your words. I sent further copies to the candidates for Maiwar in the recent State election, due to the State interests.

Unfortunately, your letter failed to address the several impact issues on local residents due to quarry operations. As you acknowledged, I undertook '*extensive efforts*' to catalogue the history and operations of the quarry, resulting in a lengthy list of local resident issues and concerns.

These concerns were underscored by several personal statements, which I note you also failed to address.

While BCC evidently has a proud record of public consultation in the area of town planning, you have clearly failed with respect to the quarry. Several local residents have complained to me about your lack of response and refusal to discuss quarry issues at the '*Lord Mayor and Civic Cabinet Listens Forums*', to which you refer. I would be glad to be informed of any residents who were satisfied with your response to quarry questions in this forum.

You have further failed to acknowledge or respond to my request for the establishment of an advisory committee, or any similar forum. By your silence on this request, I deduce your refusal to consult in this way. Since you do not suggest any alternative forum(s), I also deduce that you do not wish to discuss the local residents' quarry impact issues any further.

You have suggested that *'some of the claims made in your submission are simply not correct'* but have failed to identify those claims or to explain why you consider them to be incorrect. Further, the fact that only 'some' of the claims were 'not correct' leads me to conclude that other claims were correct.

I would be grateful if your technical staff and/or advisers would oblige me by confirming what claims you consider incorrect, so I may amend my documentation where necessary. I have no wish to propagate incorrect claims. However, in the absence of a reply, I shall have to persist with the thrust of my documentation.

Lord Mayor, I am very well aware from BCC Budget Papers that the Asphalt and Aggregates Branch of the Field Services Group is an important part of BCC's Business Activities. I am not seeking to terminate the quarry or impact on the overall business strategy of the Branch.

I am simply reaching out to BCC in a spirit of consultation, to enable those who are most affected, to have some input into our future amenity. In the past, residents have experienced their concerns being ignored, had their serious issues downplayed and were perhaps misled, leading to feelings of anger and frustration on their part.

I am suggesting a possible way forward, a way that a leading Council such as Brisbane City ought to grasp in the interests of best practice, transparency and fair-minded community spirit. This is an opportunity to rescue an unfortunate circumstance.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Faithfully,



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