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Mr Phil Best  
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Dear Mr Best

Thank you for your emails of 22 and 27 February 2017 about the operation of the Mt Coot-tha Quarry.

I note you do not agree that Council operates Mt Coot-tha Quarry in accordance with the conditions of the relevant environmental authority and I see that you have copied your email to representatives of the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

Council maintains the position that it operates the Mt Coot-tha Quarry strictly in accordance with the conditions of the environmental authority. Council's understanding is that the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has no concerns that the conditions are not being complied with in full.

As you know, Council has extensively corresponded with you about compliance with the environmental authority. I feel that Council has made its position clear with respect to compliance and, as such, it is not my intention to further correspond with you on that general topic. However, I accept that, from time to time, you may think it necessary to raise with Council matters related to very specific aspects of the day to day operation of the quarry. Any such matters should be raised for consideration with the Manager of Council's Asphalt and Aggregates Branch, Mr Terry Bird.

I also note you have copied your email to Mr Mark Williams of King and Company, Solicitors. That is consistent with your pursuit of a claim for damages against Council. I can confirm Mr Williams has received your email and will be responding further to your claim as his enquiries progress.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk  
**LORD MAYOR**

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