



4 December 2017

Dear Mr Hassall

Thank you for your email of 13 November 2017 about Mt Coot-tha Quarry.

I appreciate the extensive effort that you have put into researching the history of Mt Coot-tha Quarry and its operations dating back to the 1890s.

Council has responded on numerous occasions over the last four years to various claims and representations made by Mr Philip Best on behalf of the Mt Coot-tha Residents Group. As I have stated on numerous occasions, Mt Coot-tha Quarry will remain in operation while it continues to deliver significant value or until the reserves are depleted. Mt Coot-tha Quarry remains an essential component of delivering value for money for all of the residents and visitors of Brisbane.

The quarry provides cost-effective, high-quality asphalt aggregates to support Council's programs, such as my \$360 million commitment to our Smoother Suburban Streets Program to resurface 2000 streets over the four years to June 2020.

During this time, Council remains committed to operating the Mt Coot-tha Quarry in a compliant and responsible manner that is mindful of the community as well as the local residents.

Some of the claims made in your submission responsible manner that Council has and will close the quarry has and will continue to take on the Council Officers, Councillors and my office. Lord Mayor and Civic Cabinet Listens Forums

Council Officers are in regular contact with the site. Protection (DEHP) as well as a number of oil heritage and ongoing compliance and auditing of Mt Coot-tha Quarry.

Reserves remaining at Mt Coot-tha Quarry would indicate that our extraction phase will be completed within published timeframes of 2032. Council is committed to rehabilitating Mt Coot-tha Quarry and then consulting with the wider community about future options for the site at the appropriate time. I note your group's willingness and interest to participate in this process in the future.

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