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Mr Phil Best  
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Dear Mr Best

Thank you for your emails of 16, 22 and 23 August and 1 and 7 September 2016 about your request for Council to close Mt Coot-tha Quarry. I also appreciate you taking the time to speak with me at the Civic Cabinet Listens forum at Kenmore on 31 August.

As stated in my correspondence to you of 4 November 2015, the 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 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 next four years.

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

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk  
**LORD MAYOR**

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