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Mr Phil Best
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Dear Mr Best

Thank you for speaking with me on ABC Radio on 12 August 2013 and following up with an email raising further questions about the blasting of the Council quarry located at Mount Coot-Tha Road, Toowong. I appreciate your concerns on this issue.

As advised in previous correspondence on 8 February 2013, the quarry is an essential component to delivering value for money in Council's maintenance of the road network used by all motorists in Brisbane. The quarry will remain in operation while it continues to deliver value for the people of Brisbane or until the reserves are depleted.

The quarry regularly monitors its adherence to operating license conditions issued by the regulatory authority, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, which includes blasting vibration, air overpressure and dust emissions. Council has operated well within these parameters and will continue to comply with these license conditions.

For several years, the quarry has operated under a self-imposed reduced output to minimise its impact on the local community. The quarry has also provided significant benefit to the local residents by accommodating over two millions tonnes worth of tunnel spoil from the Legacy Way project, eliminating the need for over 90,000 truck movements on local streets.

I support your suggestion of a meeting with all parties to discuss your concerns relayed in your email in further detail. As such, I have asked Mr Mark Taylor, Manager of the Asphalt and Aggregates branch, to coordinate this meeting with you.

Thank you again for contacting me about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Schinner
DEPUTY MAYOR
For Graham Quirk
LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor is currently away from the office and has asked that I sign on this occasion to avoid further delay.

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