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Mr David Hassall
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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 needs of the wider community as well as the local residents.

Some of the claims made in your submission are simply not correct and do not reflect the responsible manner that Council has and will continue to operate the quarry. The operation of the quarry has and will continue to take on community feedback via communications with Council Officers, Councillors and my office. Indeed, a number of residents have attended Lord Mayor and Civic Cabinet Listens Forums and discussed quarry matters at length.

Council Officers are in regular contact with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) as well as a number of other statutory authorities regarding the 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.

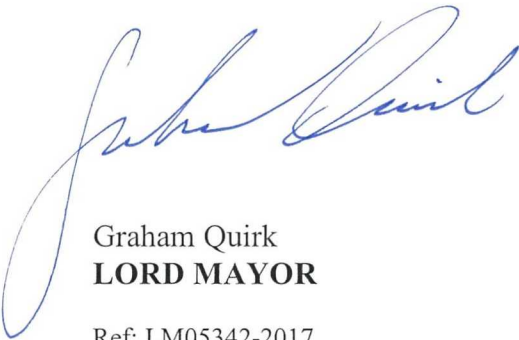
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If you or affected residents believe Council is responsible for damaging private property, a claim can be made in writing to Council's Insurance Claims Manager, Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT). JLT are responsible for managing all insurance claims made against Council and are expected to investigate every claim thoroughly before any determination on liability is made. I can also advise that Council's public liability insurance covers Council for its legal liability to pay claims, but only when the injury or damage is caused as a result of Council's negligence. If you wish to contact JLT, their email address is bccpl@jlta.com.au or you can call 3000 5555.

Should you have any further concerns about the day-to-day operations, please do not hesitate to phone Mr Robert Bell, Mt Coot-tha Quarry Manager, on 3403 2569.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Quirk', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Graham Quirk
LORD MAYOR

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