

# BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

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CR. JUDY MAGUB

19 December 2002

Mr J M & Mrs P V Higgins & Mr G P Higgins 12 Horrocks St TOOWONG QLD 4066

Dear Mr & Mrs Higgins, & Graham

On 18 December 2002 an extraordinary council meeting was held to decide 2 motions. One related to quarries in Brisbane.

The motion was for Council to purchase the Bracalba Quarry at Caboolture. The motion stated that this could "reduce production" at Mt Coot-tha Quarry.

However on looking into it there is a down side. The Council Administration proposed in the motion to <u>extend the life of the Mt Coot-tha Quarry to 30 more years</u>. This is 17 years added to the current agreed life of the quarry.

The Liberal Councillors voted against the motion as we believe it shows callous disregard for the residents living near Mt Coot-tha Quarry, who have not had a say on this proposal.

Here is some background you may be interested in.

#### 1. TONNAGE

Council records show that the Council operation at Mt Coot-tha Quarry has increased over the years.

A Council report shows that in 1986, tonnage was 250,000 tonnes a year. In 1997 a report revealed the average annual tonnage was 400,000 tonnes a year.

As you are aware the quarry operation increased markedly over the past few years (supposedly to meet the needs of the Inner City Bypass) to a staggering 750,000 tonnes per annum.

## 2. RESIDENTS GROUP

This over production resulted in public meetings by residents with the setting up of the Mt Coot-tha Residents Action Group. We called for a stop to this over production and for work practices to improve. There were some improvements at the Quarry.

The motion approved by Council on 18 December will bring production back to 400,000 tonnes a year (as it was a few years ago) <u>BUT</u> extend the life of the quarry from 2015 to 2032.

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## 3. <u>LIFE OF QUARRY</u>

Prior to 1980 the expected life of the quarry was to 1998. Then the Council Administration increased the size of site by rerouting and upgrading Sir Samuel Griffith Drive and at the same time they increased the life of the quarry to 29 years ie to 2015.

Today another 17 years has been added! (ie to 2032).

#### 4. PROCESS

There was no consultation despite the fact that the Council has been meeting the residents group on a monthly basis.

If you are dissatisfied with this move to add another 17 years onto the life of this quarry please contact -

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A public meeting will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday 22 January 03 at Mt Coot-tha Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens to discuss the issues.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Magub

**COUNCILLOR FOR TOOWONG** 



# Mt Coot-tha Ouarry Production & Truck Movements Report

30/06/2005 To 1/07/2004 From No. of LOADS TONNES MONTH 1,374 33,927 07/2004 1,379 33,506 08/2004 1,467 36,900 09/2004 1,453 38,202 10/2004 1,407 36,641 11/2004 625 15,946 12/2004 1,029 27,397 01/2005 1,216 30,910 02/2005 1,412 35,728 03/2005 1,539 39,484 04/2005 1,875 47,771 05/2005 1,260 32,345 06/2005 408,755 **Grand Total:** 

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Question:

What is the total amount paid to Indec in consultancy fees since July 2001

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in connection with BT Workshop and Garages Review

Answer:

The amount paid to Indec in consultancy fees since July 2001 in connection with the BT Workshop and Garages Review is \$79 102.

Councillor J MAGUB (11 February 2003) (456/56(457)

Question:

What has been the cost to date to reserve the name "Friends of the Blanetarium Pty Ltd" as a company name for registration when appropriate?

Answer:

The total cost to date to reserve the name "the Friends of the Planetarium

Pty Ltd" as a company name is \$288:00;

Councillor J MAGUB (11 March 2003)-456/56(459)

Question:

Please provide the tonnage of rock taken from Mt Coot-tha Quarry for each month of this financial year (i.e., July'02 to Feb'03) and for the years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

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Answer:

In financial years (year ending June), tonnages are:

1997	369 495
1998	408 144
1999	473 544
2000	601 038
2001	743 838
2002	750 518

For the current financial year July'02 to Feb'03:

July'02	70 870
Aug	58 201
Sep	61 880
Oct	61 391
Nov	54 768
Dec	33 204
Jan'03	36 511
Feb	52 302

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