

Dear Lord Mayor,

Further to our Good Friday Spreadsheet, we now attach our personal 2020 Easter Sunday Letter to you.

- This letter took 12 years to create and 10 days to assemble and write, hence we hope that you are able to find the time to read it.
- It also contains a brief history of the MCLR struggle against the non-compliant MCQ Blasting.
- For those who do not have the time, we have attached page-2 which is the (shameful) MCQ Scorecard.

The estimation of the \$500 million rehabilitation cost (by 2032) is based upon the only known related economic factor, which is the Roma Street Rehabilitation Project final 2001 cost.

- Whilst there will undoubtedly be variations and changes, it should be recognised that the MCLR have cast aside their fears and bravely stepped forward.
- After everything that the MCQ has done to the MCLR for 20 years, the MCLR are resilient enough to provide an estimation for what they believe is the greatest economic disaster in the history of Brisbane.
- It is clear that all the income gained by extracting road gravel from Mt Coot-tha since 2000, can never even partially compensate for the rehabilitation costs and losses.

However, the rehabilitation costs are very small when compared with the \$5.5 BILLION (2032) lost tourism benefit.

- Plus, these benefit numbers are provided by legitimate international case studies.
- Additionally, when we considered an “Eden Project Mt Coot-tha” as compared with Eden Project Cornwall, there were several reasons which restrict Cornwall and many which enhance the much more favourable Mt Coot-tha.

Mt Coot-tha was, is and will always be a wonderful nature-tourism gift for Brisbane, with an existing underground water source.

- When we built our home, visible roofs were forced to have a subdued colour in case they be seen from the city.
- Now the LNP BCC has created MCQ as a massive landscape scar that can be seen from many thousands of important Brisbane locations.
- Why?
- What good has this done for Brisbane, other than creating a massive debt and lost benefit?

We ask that:

1. You immediately close MCQ and urgently begin rehabilitation.
2. Ask the asphalt factories to begin using gravel from southside quarries (Southside gravel for southside asphalt).
3. Visit the MCQ area yourself, preferably from the Botanical Gardens border fence.
4. Look at the MCLR website www.SaveMtCoot-tha.org and very recent Facebook www.facebook.com/SaveMountCoottha.
5. Please do not refer to the current Labor DES department, the horrendous economic damage and disaster is not their fault.

We can advise that we have had some discussions with Eden Project International.

- Please read our reports and Immediately Close the Quarry!
- Liberate Mt Coot-tha Tourism from regular closures, constant extremely-strong blasting, asthmatic effects and silica blast-dust clouds.

Yours sincerely, Philip Best.

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