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**Subject:** Mt Coot-tha Quarry (MCQ) - Updated comments and Letter from the Brisbane City

Council CEO.

**Attachments:** CEO to Best - CO09020-20.pdf; MtCoot-thaQuarry-2020-Headwinds.jpg; MCQ-

Scorecard-EasterSunday-2020.jpg; AS2187-2-Apx-J1--Introduction.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Lord Mayor,

Please note the letter from CEO Mr Colin Jensen.

I do intend liaising with JLTA as soon as we can find a suitable time.

However, our intention is to provide a great, highly-valued & totally-free rehabilitation-based assistance to your office:

- 1. Our contacts with Eden Project International and ButChart Gardens have given us an excellent insight into the Gardens Tourism Industry, plus the massive amounts of income and lifestyle improvements that this provides.
  - For example Gardens BC reports CA\$300 Million actual revenue in 2014, with 10,000 full-time and part-time jobs.
  - Eden Cornwall reports £100 annual Gross Value Added (GVA) creating hundreds of jobs, plus they
    now have an educational establishment.
- 2. We have researched and uncovered a likely huge and perpetuating revenue stream from Gardens Tourism at Mt Coot-tha in the rehabilitated MCQ.
  - There are several reasons why Mt Coot-tha can become more popular than Eden Cornwall (even Eden Anglesea is predicted to exceed Eden Cornwall).
  - The real difference at MCQ is the attitude and energy towards achieving what is clearly a preferential outcome.
- 3. We have been very bold and brave, to provide you with the first-ever estimated MCQ rehabilitation cost (open-source, non-procedural and non-functional).
  - We have clearly described in our spreadsheet, how this estimate was achieved.
  - We all need to immediately begin to work towards solving "the impossible problem" which is "how to reverse decades of blasting damage in Brisbane's second most popular tourist precinct".
- 4. Whilst we believe that our data will be different to the data that you receive from within the BCC, our data is open-source, has significant value and indicates the need for an external independent unbiassed assessment.
- 5. We have worked extremely hard for thousands of hours over a 20 year period for zero income, when we would much rather be working in other areas and doing other things.
- 6. We have worked hard to alert you and the LNP as to the likely October 2020 situation.

We note that the QG DES Compliance officers, repeatedly specify "cherry-picked" statements in the (non-compulsory & now redacted) AS2187.2 2006 Appendix-J, which states clearly at the start: Their appendix data can never be used to override statutory specified conditions.

- They have wrongly used this for compliance purposes, which we believe cannot ever be EDO or QHRC compliant.
- From the first MCQ blast after January 2020, the DES and the MCQ will both will be answerable to the EDO & QHRC, which we believe will grossly affect the MCQ regulation.

- The MCQ EA Schedule-F6 clearly states the (totally absent) blast vibration measurement requirement "or as measured in or on any noise sensitive place".
- Every blast causes an internal home sympathetic vibration noise, which is not at all "overpressure" and which greatly exceeds the several Schedule-F noise conditions.
- The previously secret MCQ-office blast vibrations, have no valid EDO or QHRC reason why, they cannot be applied to the closest private homes and Botanical Gardens areas.
- The November-2011 300% misreporting whistle-blower revelation, can be seen in the more recent MCQ blast vibration data.

We believe that the Real Goldmine at Mt Coot-tha is the Tourism, plus the repair of the now-scarred Brisbane Backdrop.

- Compared to this, the value of the remaining 1 million tonnes of gravel at \$20/tonne (approx. \$6 million profit), is trivial and will cost much more.
- We propose that we now all work together, towards achieving this as soon as possible.
- Please allow me to repeat: "The real difference is the attitude towards a tourism-based MCQ outcome and repair of the scarred Brisbane Backdrop."

We expect an honest and QHRC/EDO compliant response from your office.

- However if your decision that the MCQ was to continue "blasting tourism", then this may initiate and set a complex course of action involving the EDO, the QHRC, plus the tourism industry organisations (lost benefit).
- Currently, the MCLR simply want to get on with their lives like normal Brisbane ratepayers, without the
  constant stress of destructive blasting effects, silica blast dust and noise, that the MCQ has never once
  measured on or outside or inside the structure of any house anywhere.
- The MCQ has never once measured their blast dust storms, which we have bravely video recorded and
  published on our website <a href="http://www.mtcoot-tha.org/ImagesBlastDust28Feb2019.htm">http://www.mtcoot-tha.org/ImagesBlastDust28Feb2019.htm</a> and which the
  quarry staff physically tried to prevent us from recording.

Kind Regards, Phil Best.

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Dear Mr Best

Please find the attached letter for your information.

Thank you

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