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Dear Lord Mayor,

We have been asked to make an addition to our Mt Coot-tha Quarry (MCQ) Rehabilitation and Lost Benefit Estimates Spreadsheet, because there was previously no consideration for the future usage comparisons.

- We hope that this will be the final version of our Financial Estimation Analysis and Spreadsheet.
- However we stress that in defending the past and likely future damage to our homes, that failure has never been and will never be an option for us.
 - For this the 2019 Human Rights Commission Legislation has come to our rescue.
 - Hence it is now considered necessary that we estimate the likely ongoing costs for Brisbane, if "tourism blasting" was to continue.
- Supposedly as prescribed by the LM Soorley December 2002 Council Motion:
 - In 2002, it was estimated that the MCQ reserves would be depleted by extracting 400,000 tonnes every year for 30 years, thus estimating a total extraction amount of 12 million tonnes.
 - Looking at our estimates, it appears that since December 2002, that approximately 11 million tonnes has already been extracted, thus leaving approximately one million tonnes remaining.

Hence we strive to estimate the following financial amounts:

1. Calculate the estimated future net loss per tonne of extracted gravel: **Loss Per Tonne = \$8.6 Million.**
2. Calculate the estimated future net loss to complete the 12 million tonnes 2002 estimate: **Loss from Remaining Rock Extraction = \$256 Million.**
3. Calculate the estimated savings by using gravel from southside quarries: **Saving = \$211 Million.**

However we stress that option 2 would make an extremely disastrous and damaging Mt Coot-tha Financial Situation Considerably Worse.

We are also advised that:

4. Other suitable southside quarries exist, who can deliver directly to southside asphalt factories. Hence the need to use MCQ does not exist, plus in more recent times has never existed.
5. It is very rare that local governments operate their own quarries.
6. It is likely unique where a Local Government Operated Quarry exists in designated Public Trust Parkland and with Zero Separation Zones to historic buildings and local residents and in a Dense Fully-Council-Approved Urban Environment immediately opposite and close to the operational area.

We therefore insist that:

7. MCQ has never operated fully in compliance with its Environmental Authority EPPR00447313 Schedule F – we have previously given several examples of this.
8. The BCC does not conduct any further “tourism blasting” with any giant unmonitored silica urban and tourism dust clouds, which has become synonymous with MCQ blasting as well as the endemic silica ground dust.
9. MCQ Rehabilitation work should commence immediately to create community accepted MCQ rehabilitation plan.
10. No further MCQ tree removal unless in full compliance with the MCQ rehabilitation plan.
11. No further blasting occurs at MCQ, unless this be in full compliance the MCQ rehabilitation plan.

Finally:

12. We advise that this is an issue between the BCC, the Maiwar State Electorate, the Local Residents and if necessary the QHRC.
13. We have asked the QLD Premier to intervene, so as to ensure that the lost benefit is not made any more worse than is necessary.
14. As we have stated previously, our ongoing cost estimate is based upon both the Rehabilitation Costs and the Lost Benefit.
 - a. The Rehabilitation Cost is based upon an upsize of the Roma Street Parklands cost, and not upon any functional procedural analysis.
 - Our rehabilitation cost is therefore only an estimate, but has value due it being the first and indeed a very brave attempt, where previously Brisbane RTI stated that there was nothing at all.
 - b. The Lost Benefit is based upon case studies and reports from other rehabilitation sites, such as Eden Cornwall and ButChart Gardens.
 - There are several indicators which point towards an “Eden Mt Coot-tha” as being much more successful than Eden Cornwall.
15. We urge you to visit the Mt Coot-tha Quarry from the Botanical Gardens and see for yourself the extreme amount of damage which has been created.
 - c. Additionally consider the level of trust that the Brisbane Public has recently given you, in your new promised role as a “Champion for Green Spaces”.
 - d. There is a huge political advantage in your becoming a “Friend of Mt Coot-tha”.
 - We strongly urge you to choose this path, rather than public litigation with angry MCQ Local Residents, possibly also the Protection Alliance and QHRC.

Yours sincerely and truthfully, Philip Best.

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