

Dear Mr Harding & Mr Fenn,

I am reaching out to you as the Chairperson and Engineer of the Mt Coot-tha Local Residents.

We believe that your organisation is relevant to our concerns because:

1. You use gravel extracted from Brisbane City Council (BCC) operated Mt Coot-tha Quarry (MCQ).
2. Your organisation provides political donations to Qld Labor, who are the state government that controls and perpetuates the LNP BCC MCQ.
3. The MCQ Gravel Trucks deliver to Downer Group asphalt factories.
4. The gravel material that you use is not responsibly sourced and does not comply with your vision and value statements.
5. Hence, we believe that you would value our proactive contact with you.

The MCQ exists in the middle of dense residential and prime tourist precinct as Key Resource 42 (KRA-42), which has zero separation zones to the residential and tourism areas.

The MCQ operates under a legacy environmental authority (EA) Schedule-F which allows double the normal (9 or 10) blasts blast strength, plus on every 10th blast there is no defined limit.

The Mt Coot-tha Local Residents (MCLR) have been fighting the MCQ operations for 20 years, because their blasting is extremely strong and for a long time their blast monitoring has been faked.

- The BCC MCQ has forced the MCLR to work very hard for 20 years. Just to protect their precious homes.
- This has been very hard forced labour, continually investigating the BCC MCQ operations and doing their own measurements at their own cost.
- Because the blasting is so close, it sounds like a bomb going off inside the local residents' homes. Sometimes the blasting is every week.
- All of the MCLR residential homes are BCC strictly approved, but none have any capability to withstand strong quarry blast vibrations.
- There are also historic buildings and monuments which AS2187 states have a much-reduced blast vibration limit.

EA Schedule-F also contains 5 noise requirements, however all noise measurements done by the MCQ are deliberately misinterpreted. All the non-compliant noise measurements done by the MCLR have been totally ignored.

As regarding the blasting limits:

1. The MCLR proved that for 600 blasts before November 2011, that the MCQ was misrepresenting their blast vibration footprint reporting by 300%.
2. After that the blast vibration measurements done on the outside of MCLR private homes, showed a further 260% misreporting.
3. A large number of homes have blast vibration damage, which is totally ignored by the BCC.
4. The BCC has twice refused requests from the QLD EHP/DES director to restrict their blast vibrations to contemporary level – the BCC refused both times.

As regards closure dates, the MCQ was supposed to close in 1998.

- Then the closure date was extended to 2015.
- In 2002 the closure date was secretly extended to 2032 (but almost nobody knew).

The MCLR have stepped forward and calculated the quarry rehabilitation cost as \$500 Million (in 2032).

- Using other rehabilitated mines such as Eden Project Cornwall, they have defined a lost benefit of \$5.5 Billion (in 2032).
- Adding the two together creates an economic disaster of \$6 Billion.

Virtually everything that the MCQ has told us has been a gross lie, it seems that they have absolutely no concept of the "good old fashioned" truth.

The MCQ is not at all anything decent and honest.

I have attached some of our more recent material to LNP Lord Mayor Schrinner.

We look forward to receiving a response from you and estimate that there is only one million tonnes of gravel remaining, however we now know that for each tonne mined the cost to the downstream ratepayers will be \$100's.

Now would be a really good time for the Downer Group to refuse MCQ gravel and source what you need from other southside quarries, that do not exist in residential or prime tourist precincts.

Kind Regards, Philip Best.

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