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Sent: Saturday, 22 August 2020 3:30 PM
To: 'Mica Julien'
Cc: 'Robert Bell'; David Hassall ; Peter Hale (pthale@bigpond.com); 612 Radio Drive Program (q.drive@abc.net.au)
Subject: RE: 9th July 2020 Blast Monitoring Results Request (Mt Coot-tha Quarry)
Importance: High

Dear Ms Julien,

As per our previous email:

- Please respond to our request which was: *If you refuse to do monitoring in or on any noise sensitive place - then please advise asap.*
- This is not part of any RTI request because it is a decision which we believe is made by you and/or the BCC Executive.

As you are the BCC delegated Executive Manager Aggregates Department, we ask that you be kind enough to please advise:

- Will the BCC conduct Mt Coot-tha Quarry blast vibration and decibel noise monitoring “in or on any noise sensitive place” ?
- **Yes or No.**

FYI:

- I was advised by Dr Heilig, that Mr Robert Bell’s previous response to our request to conduct blast monitoring on private homes was “definitely not”.
- In order to correctly measure any outdoor noise (overpressure or other noise), a microphone would need to be located outdoors (outside of the enclosing doors).

Yours honestly and truthfully.

Philip Best and ALL the Mt Coot-tha Local Residents.

Please respond to all email addresses.

Philip Best - Electrical Engineer

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From: Mica Julien <Mica.Julien@brisbane.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 21 August 2020 5:28 PM

To: philbest313@gmail.com

Cc: Robert Bell <Robert.Bell@brisbane.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: 9th July 2020 Blast Monitoring Results Request (Mt Coot-tha Quarry)

Good afternoon Mr Best

Thank you for your email to me on 21 August in relation to your request for 9 July 2020 Blast Monitoring results.

The information request is within the scope of your current RTI application and, if deemed appropriate, will form part of that response.

Regards

Mica Julien

Executive Manager

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Sent: Friday, 21 August 2020 12:36 PM

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Cc: David Hassall <hassalldavidc@gmail.com>; Peter Hale <pthale@bigpond.com>; 'John Heilig' <john@heiligandpartners.com.au>; 612 Radio Drive Program <q.drive@abc.net.au>

Subject: RE: 9th July 2020 Blast Monitoring Results Request (Mt Coot-tha Quarry)

This email originates from outside of Brisbane City Council.

Dear Ms Mica Julien & Mr Robert Bell,

Please find attached the MCQ blasting permit conditions as provided by DES Mr Karle in 2017.

- We submit that you must comply with these conditions, as they are stated, plus all your monitoring must comply with Best Practice and Zero Harm.
- All your operations after 1/1/2020 must comply with the 2019 Qld Human Rights Act, this includes further "forced work" by the unfortunate local residents.

It is now 3 weeks since our previous emails requesting ALL the details of your extremely devastating blast on the 9th July, which your weighbridge staff stated was actually 2 separate consecutive blasts.

- On this day we were prevented by Qld Police from video recording the blast-dust storm.
- However we could see from Mt Coot-tha Road, that the dust cloud was large and greatly exceeded the Quarry Boundary Fence.
 - This was a massive dust storm which drifted into the wildlife and tourism areas.
 - This blast follows the 18th June Blast, which was the strongest ever measured blast at Mt Coot-tha.
- We have not yet received any data from you.
 - Please forward ALL DATA since 1/1/2020, from John Heilig and Nathan Russell, to us ASAP. (18th June plus 9th July).

You may recall that in late 2017, we asked that the BCC conducts blast vibration and noise monitoring in or on private homes, to which we were advised that you said "Definitely not".

We now ask again:

- Please conduct blast vibration and noise monitoring “in or on any noise sensitive place” as clearly specified in your EPPR00447313 Schedule F6 Environmental Authority.
- Private homes are Number 1, in the DES definitions of noise sensitive places.
- Hence we demand that you conduct blast vibration and noise monitoring in or on private homes (the strongest value applies: building = “on” noise = “in”).
- We suggest that in order to compare with previous blast measurements, that #3 SSGD home be used, this is also the closest home to your current blast zone.
- Additionally the Cobb & Co home on Old Mt Coot-tha road should be measured, as being a historic site it has a recommended maximum of 2mm/second.

If necessary, we will actually pay for, collect and return the Instantel Minimate blast monitor hire from Saros.

- We just need Nathan or somebody else (other than ourselves), to be at the private home during the blast and to read the screen.

If you refuse to do monitoring in or on any noise sensitive place - then please advise asap.

- Please advise exactly why you will not comply with the Schedule-F, which is a clearly specified blasting license requirement.

We look forward to an early reply from you, additionally containing all the above requested data, including all the graphical timeline data.

As regards the attached advice from Asthma Australia, we can advise that quarry dust samples were collected from on and beside Mt Coot-tha Road.

- Our conclusion was that silica dust is endemic to the entire Mt Coot-the Rd tourism area, it lies thick in the gutters and on the road it gets ground into a fine respirable powder, which innocent tourists walk over.

Yours Truthfully and honestly.
Philip Best.

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Sent: Friday, 31 July 2020 11:15 AM
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Cc: David Hassall <hassalldavidc@gmail.com>; Peter Hale (pthale@bigpond.com) <pthale@bigpond.com>; 'John Heilig' <john@heiligandpartners.com.au>
Subject: RE: 9th July 2020 Blast Monitoring Results Request

Dear Ms Mica Julien & Mr Robert Bell,

We advise that as of the last working day in July, none of the requested 9th July blast information has been received, either by email or postage.

As requested, please provide ALL of the data for both blasts conducted since 1/1/2020 by email to our address.

ALL of the data would include: The date and time as well as the strength and timeline charts as generated by Nathan Russell of Heilig & Partners.

Please provide this data as soon as possible and is essential for the following reasons:

1. The date and the time are needed to correlate with other local residents reports.
2. The blast vibration is needed to gauge the effect on the local homes, all of which were BCC approved and never designed for seismic conditions.
3. The timeline chart is needed to gauge the duration of the blast, plus the frequencies and amplitudes inflicted.
4. The data for all monitored locations.

If you also have the InstanTel Minimate style chart, with the USBM comparison then please send this as well, or else please advise if this is not provided to you.

Yours honestly & truthfully, Philip Best.

Philip Best - Electrical Engineer

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Cc: David Hassall <hassalldavidc@gmail.com>

Subject: 9th July 2020 Blast Monitoring Results Request

Dear Mr Bell,

Could you please advise ALL the Blast Vibration monitoring data for the 9th July Blast.

We are advised by the BCC that two blasts were done on that date, please advise ALL the data for both blast values.

Please reply to myself and Mr Hassall.

Yours truthfully, Phil Best.

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