

MT COOT-THA PROTECTION ALLIANCE INC.
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To:

Re: Closure and rehabilitation of Mt Coot-tha quarry.

Dear ,

I am writing because you have indicated that you will be a candidate in the forthcoming council election. My letter concerns the attached proposal from the Mt Coot-tha Protection Alliance (MCPA) for a program to close and rehabilitate the Mt Coot-tha quarry.

At a community meeting held in early October last there was unanimous support that the quarry be closed, consistent with the intent of the Brisbane City Plan 2000 & 2014. At that meeting a set of principles to guide the rehabilitation of the quarry were forthcoming, as well as many ideas about what should be done with the quarry. These are included in the accompanying proposal.

As a result of the community meeting the attached proposal was developed by MCPA, based on the outcomes of that meeting, that would see planning for closure begin soon after the 2020 council election, with closure in 2025 and rehabilitation to be completed by 2030.

The potential for a world-class quarry rehabilitation project in Brisbane is very exciting and a rehabilitated quarry is likely to give a major boost to Brisbane tourism, if experience with similar projects overseas is any indication. Considering that BCC is required to rehabilitate the quarry, the cost would be money well spent by the City of Brisbane.

After studying the program, the main points of which are summarised in the overview of the program document, I would be most appreciative if you could provide MCPA with answers to the few questions below. By doing this your position on this matter can then be communicated to the MCPA member and supporter base of nearly 3000, from whom the program has received strong support, as well as more widely in the community. We are hoping to achieve cross-party support for this program.

1. Do you endorse the set of principles, outlined in the program document, for the rehabilitation of the Mt Coot-tha quarry site?
2. Do you agree that the closure and rehabilitation of the Mt Coot-tha quarry should follow the timeframe outlined in the program? If not, what would be your preferred timeframe?
3. If you agree with question 2 above, do you acknowledge that we need to commence planning for closure and rehabilitation as soon as possible after the 2020 elections have been settled?
4. Do you agree that a design competition, within the parameters of the principles, is the best way to attract a variety of conceptual ideas and their design solutions, for independent comparison and judging, with full transparency and community input?

I would be happy to meet with you, at a time of your convenience, to discuss the proposed program. Regardless, a response to these questions within 10 working days would be most helpful. In addition, any comments or suggestions you might care to make on the proposed program would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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