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To: Peter McHale

Re: Mt Coot-tha Quarry Closure and Rehabilitation Proposal

Dear Peter

Thank you for sending me the Mt Coot-tha Protection Alliance's proposal for the rehabilitation for the Mt Coot-tha Quarry. I think the work you have done in protecting Mt Coot-tha from the proposed zipline is incredible. As a MCPA member myself, I do agree that the MCQ is indeed a massive scar on the side of our beautiful Mt Coot-tha and that we can gather resources from other quarries further from our city. Council must agree with this assessment as the quarry has been hidden from some council flyers.

Throughout this week I carefully read through your proposal and have answered your questions below.:

1. Do you endorse the set of principles, outlined in the program document, for the rehabilitation of the Mt Coot-tha quarry site?

I endorse the 8 principles listed in the document. In particular, items 1 and 6 are important to me. The process of rehabilitating MCQ must be transparent, with public consultation not just offered, but strongly encouraged by council. I was impressed by your forum in October last year and the sheer volume of ideas coming from those who attended. In regards to item 6, this new section of the botanic gardens gives us an opportunity to pay respect to the traditional owners of the land and their culture.

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?

The 5 year timeframe gives us enough time to prepare for the rehabilitation of the MCQ. This also gives council enough time to prepare and plan for acquiring resources from other quarries. As you stated in the proposal, planning should have already started according to the Brisbane City Plan 2014. Your point about having this ready in time for a potential 2032 Olympics may motivate other councillors to support this as well and stop the repeated push back of the closure date.

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?

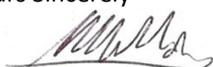
I do acknowledge this, but it will also depend on the composition of council post-March. My plan would be to support your proposal in council, hopefully with the councillors for Pullenvale and Paddington, starting with getting a set fixed date of closure. While whoever forms the administration may not support a 2025 closure, we need certainty around when the closure will be so we can plan accordingly.

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?

A competition is a great idea and will certainly get the public engaged on the matter. I would like to discuss further what would happen if a combination of entries were used for the final design. I can see that you have included that the winning entry will reference other designs where appropriate, but if it were favourable to combine two or more entries, how could that work? It's probably more likely that one design will win and a few other concepts will be added after public feedback, but it's something to think about. Another thought, could we also include a traditional owner of the land as a judge?

Thank you for the time and energy that you have put into this proposal. As it stands, I am happy to support this proposal. I must stress that my first priority in regards to the rehabilitation of MCQ is to get a clear answer on the closure date. If not 2025, then ASAP after that so that we can get started on Phase 1. I would be delighted to meet with you in the lead up to the election to discuss this further.

Yours Sincerely



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