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Quarries Visioning Project

Community engagement summary report

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Quarries Visioning Project

For many years, the Mt Coot-tha Quarry has provided Brisbane with aggregates which are used for construction purposes, particularly for the city's road network.

While quarrying is no longer undertaken at the Pine Mountain Quarry, it now operates as a recycling facility providing materials which can be reused for construction of roads and paths.

Whilst there is still currently an important role for both quarries, Council invited ideas from the community to help inform future planning for their future use.

Community engagement timeline

Stage 1 - November 2023 to June 2024

Council invited the community to share ideas and help create a vision to reimagine the future of Brisbane's 2 urban quarries at Mt Coot-tha and Pine Mountain. The community were asked to consider the transformation of these spaces within the context of future lifestyle destinations.

Local residents and the broader Brisbane community provided their feedback via the Quarries Visioning project web page. Ideas supported by images and web page links to further explain their suggestions were received. There was considerable enthusiasm for both projects and their potential.

Community engagement summary

A total of 883 submissions were received which comprised 672 responses and 97 ideas received for Mt Coot-tha and 612 responses and 64 ideas received for Pine Mountain.

Stage 1 – Mt Coot-tha summary

- 672 responses were received sharing text descriptions and webpage links for suggested sites.
- 97 ideas images were uploaded.

Top 5 themes

1. Off-road cycling
2. Restore, create a natural environment and include walking trails
3. Attract tourism, create a tourist attraction
4. Outdoor activities, create an adventure location
5. Aquatic activities or venue.

Mt Coot-tha	No.	Top 5 themes and context
Off-road cycling	193	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mountain biking, trails for fitness, health, all ages• Single tracks, multi-grade tracks, pump tracks and imaginative trails.
Restore / create a natural environment	170	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehabilitation to support native wildlife, biodiversity, plants, trees.• Significant desire for native flora and fauna rejuvenation• Walking tracks.

Attract tourism / tourist attraction	114	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eden project, Butchart gardens, celebration of Australia's natural environment • Outdoor amphitheatre, concert venue, live events to work in relationship to the natural environment. • Outdoor amphitheatre, concert, live events, film events designed in relationship to the natural environment. • National or international mountain biking destination • Luge, ziplines, extreme sports, films. • Utilise the close connection to the Botanic Gardens and extend the relationship with the gardens. •
Outdoor activities / Adventure location	110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing • Scuba diving • Green spaces, picnics, family recreation, informal sports recreation, play spaces for children.
Aquatic activities / Venue	107	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming lagoons, natural pools, springs, slides, lake, wave machines, aqua park, reservoir like Enoggera, water holes, fishing, canoes, kayaks. Natural and constructed.

Stage 1 – Pine Mountain summary

- 612 responses were received, sharing text descriptions and webpage links for suggested sites.
- 64 ideas images were uploaded.

Top 5 themes

1. Restore, create a natural environment
2. Off road cycling
3. Bush walking
4. Parklands with open spaces
5. Protect koala habitat

Pine Mountain	No.	Top 5 themes and context
Restore / create a natural environment.	190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation to support native wildlife, biodiversity, plants, trees. • Significant desire for native flora and fauna rejuvenation • Wildlife corridors
Off-road cycling	186	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain biking, trails for fitness, health, all ages • Consider single tracks, multi-grade tracks, pump tracks and imaginative trails.
Include trails, walking paths	124	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking tracks.
Create parklands, park spaces	117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green spaces, picnics, family recreation, informal sports • Recreation, play spaces for children, natural swimming

		places like Enoggera Reservoir.
Protection of koalas and their habitat	99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of local koala population and available food source.

Highlights

Participants had the opportunity to share a range of ideas. Thematically, the ideas received for both sites highlighted the community's desire to connect with the natural environment by incorporating features such as walking tracks and the restoration of native flora and fauna. The provision of diverse biking activities that cater to the specific needs of different demographic groups were also identified.

Raised for consideration

Further points raised for consideration included:

- provision of sufficient parking and public transport options (Mt Coot-tha)
- connect the quarry with the Botanic Gardens (Mt Coot-tha)
- safe access along Pine Mountain Road (related to cycling, wildlife crossing, provision of sufficient car parking)
- retain public rather than private ownership (both sites)

Council would like to thank the Brisbane community for taking time to provide their ideas and images to inform the future planning of both quarry sites.

Close

The ideas and images received will serve as a guide for the future planning of both quarry sites.

Mt Coot-tha Quarry holds an estimated 4 million tonnes of remaining accessible material available for extraction. This continues to provide around \$20 million worth of annual economic value for Council and the residents of Brisbane by reducing costs to purchase these materials, and by generating revenue through the sale of these products into the external market.

Once this extractive material is exhausted, the void will be filled with suitable material to a level which accommodates the future intended uses of the site. This and other works will form part of the overall rehabilitation of the quarry. It is estimated that Mt Coot-tha Quarry could receive in the order of 8 million tonnes of suitable material to achieve a land profile which can accommodate a diverse range of potential uses. Once again, this can provide a significant economic benefit for Brisbane and reduce the costs for Council to create future opportunities for the site. Reinstatement to a profile which is more closely aligned to the original landform would increase the estimated volume of fill material by almost double. This filling process will be an integral part of the long-term planning and enhancement of Mt Coot-tha Quarry. Over the remaining life.

Pine Mountain Quarry no longer operates as an extractive site. It currently operates as a concrete and asphalt recycling facility which provides cost-effective resources that can be reused in the construction of civil projects, landfill capping at Rochedale, and road surfacing. These resources and recycling operations and are important to the delivery of services to

Brisbane and by recycling these materials, this avoids the cost of procuring new materials saving Council around \$6 million annually. The future enhancement of the quarry and transition to new uses is dependent upon the successful relocation of these activities to alternative Council owned locations.

For more information on the Quarries Visioning project phone Council on 07 3403 8888 or visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Quarries Visioning project'.

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