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Dear EGC,

Our view is that all currently operating mines and quarries should be forced to pay an annual levy to ensure that:

1. Existing mining sites are cleaned up.
2. Closed mining sites have some kind of financial assistance which will increase over time.
3. Clearly taxpayers should not be forced to pay for the previous dividend payments that a few shareholders received, when it is these shareholders who should have paid.
4. If the mine is closed than all previous directors and shareholders, should be levied to pay something.
 - For example previous Mt Morgan directors and shareholders be levied a small (tax deductible) amount, depending on the amount of dividends paid.
 - These dividends should (morally) have been partially diverted into an ECO-Fund.
 - Even if the levy could not be made compulsory, then it still should be made.

For currently operating mines, the amount of the levy should be set according to:

1. The amount of material previously mined, and
2. The amount that is still to be mined, and
3. The depth of the hole, and
4. The proximity to residential areas.

When the mine or quarry is within a 1000m distance of major facilities or buildings, the operator be required to provide an annual report assessing all possible damage.

(FYI: The standard Key Resource Area Separation Zone distances are 500m and 1000m.)

For example, the Mt Coot-tha Quarry Resource Blasting and Processing Area (RPA), is only 100m from the important QLD 60-inch (1.6 metre) water-grid pipeline, yet the quarry has never conducted any blast vibration monitoring on the pipeline. As the pipeline passes through the Botanical Gardens and the Mt Coot-tha residential suburb, it would be extremely disruptive if any repairs were needed.

The new proposed Mt Coot-tha Zipline elevated walkway will start approximately 100m from the RPA.

We make this submission on behalf of all the Mt Coot-tha Residents.

Yours sincerely, Philip Best – Chairman and Engineer for the Mt Coot-tha Quarry Action Group.

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