

Mt Coot-tha Quarry Public Forum 9 October 2019

Workshop Responses

Please note: The following list was transcribed from the note paper, whiteboards and butcher paper notes provided by the attendees.

1. principles

no private developer to be provided with opportunities to use for their commercial benefits

will there be any requirement to return soil that will be constructive for native vegetation development

non-polluting activities

traffic management, day and night parking

what consideration will be given to parking and transport for any increased visitor numbers

what traffic interaction would be required at the bottom of the hill for the increased traffic volume

accessible

active and collaborative planning

involve state government

something which future generations will benefit from

inclusive of the disabled

must be a public space

all structures, infrastructure and landscaping to be current and the best in all aspects of sustainability - carbon neutral or better

for community benefit, not a commercial enterprise, everyone should be able to access the facilities

a space of tranquility and beauty for a breathing space in our city

free

passive recreation only - other sites available for active recreational opportunities

for the community benefit not commercial gain

no housing

define end date - campaign for early one before sites open to the west

the mountain is going at increasing speed

free shuttle bus loop service to botanic gardens from - Milton rail - Toowong station - park road - Indooroopilly station - operating 7 days a week 7 am to 9 pm
good access for all people on foot and in wheelchairs or with disabilities
24/7 access so you can observe animals at night
step 1 - get it closed
a safe space for homeless humans
links off Mt Coot-tha Rd from above new bus stop

2. heritage

hands on activities for children who can experience trying some traditional skills of the first nations people
special area for native honey bee
first nations cultural tradition
quarry history and heritage
land grant in trust history
first nations cultural continuities
song-lines / dreaming
publish full history
identify if possible traditional routes up and around mountain
first nations historical education centre / extension of fresh food bushcraft
field trip centre for local schools - intergenerational green heart Brisbane hub

3. education

virtually visit world sites where something (similar) has been done
nature playground for kids
collaborative spaces
open air nature play

education about bush foods - bush tucker garden
museum and climate change and local ecosystems
pre school and primary education - special learning centre
tertiary campus coupled with existing herbarium
public awareness centre for local wildlife
environmental education centre for children, students and adults, possible option of camp outs to experience night time
high value rare habitat for research and education
social wellbeing research around access to the natural world
computer animation / virtual reality and the real world
self directed learning space
organic market
sustainability education centre

4. landscape

sculptures made from mining machinery - a competition from local artists
sculptures using stone from quarry
artistic features
a variety of views and dimensions
use safe materials to join with the botanical gardens
care is needed to ensure appropriate soil is used/kept for native reconstruction
structure similar to Singapore gardens
hike the lake and high-line walking for nature to survive
underground car park
area for garden expo
landscape features of great beauty and resilience
community garden and compost hub

various walking trails for vegetation
wildlife bio-bridge for koalas and planting for suitable habitats
government veg garden
conference facilities
observation deck
bio-bridge planting for koalas and other wildlife
possible habitat structure for rare and endangered species
rehabilitation of area to encourage more wildlife
use Qld native plants only
koala rescue
trees and plants which will support a wide variety of bird life
rare plants and animals
weeds 'garden' to teach people about invasive species and how to control them
areas for local land care expos
sensory garden for visually and intellectually impaired
waterfalls, bridges and raised walkways
night-time viewing zone until 10pm
bush tucker cultivation
create microclimates as sanctuary for local species as climate change brings higher temperatures and weather extremes
give priority to habitat
terraced gardens and specialised areas for education
wildlife observation facilities
natural water courses supported by new ones developed if they would be relevant and not detrimental to other habitats
extend the botanic garden, its facilities and lakes
quarry becomes part of botanic gardens
shaping the environment - rock face
green space

an environment of protected species
have Qld native plants only
make it an important outdoor recreational area that is complementary to the botanical gardens such as an outdoor open theatre for musical concerts - this would have tourists
labyrinth for quiet contemplation
restore critical landscape functions - filter and store water moderate temperature of surrounding areas - protect against erosion by enabling trees to establish and provide habitat
provide a source of food for the community - a food forest especially native bush food species
eco-village
permaculture
new lookout spaces over the city
some elevated walks - tree top walks which are environmentally friendly - Singapore botanic gardens
nature playground - no plastic
a lake for water storage
the existence of a tunnel which runs from the legacy way under the gardens to the quarry was used as a conveyor for tunnelling waste
need a new and bigger auditorium with modern A.V facilities
need a bigger and better car-park
need greater open space for the gardens
maintenance buildings for gardens staff replace existing buildings with new ones
nursery for the gardens in the quarry
extension of gardens to showcase a greater range of Australian flora
fantastic genetic resource for Qld and Australia
a world class space for opera
kitchen and garden areas
environmental conference centre
native bees
Mt Coot-tha Quarry is made up of Hornfels rock type
we need to decide what to do now so we can cut the quarry to a new design before it ends
this is special musical background

extension of Mt Coot-tha Gardens

5. recreation

open air theatre / auditorium

world class wellness spa with sauna centre / Finnish-style bath house - not commercial

boating / swimming

yoga, skateboarding, Tia Chi

horse riding

art/ creative zone

community gardens

quiet leafy spot with shade for reading

rock climbing on walls

cycling / MTB venue

walking trails

orienteering

Extreme triathlon venue

highline walk around the edge like New York City

integrated walks into the rest of Mt Coot-tha

community gardening

hides for observing fauna

extensive nature play for children and everyone else

nature based camp out - earth education

picnic areas and BBQ's

restaurant or cafe

bridges / raised walkways

6. Water

Lake with a billabong for safe swimming for families 7am to 7pm

overland flood pattern '74 from Mt along Sylvan Rd

water is key to any success with rehab

ground water plus underground collection tanks

I believe a decision has been made to not water in botanic gardens, why?

water will be an essential element for all other plans

waterfall

lake

ponds (for frogs etc), habitat!

fountain

do risk assess and plan

involve Botany Department at UQ to relocate and study area

geology

deep dive site for scuba training

sustainable water cycle

nature pond for children's education

create different wetland habitats, joined, waterfalls, cascades, ponds, riverine vegetation, the fauna will come to the created ecosystems

no motor boats, jet-skis, remote controlled devices

ensure downstream watercourses are protected from pollution, sediment and changes in flow

the site could provide an emergency water source for fire fighting, can helicopters and fire-trucks access the water easily?

knowledge of current waterways

if there are to be dams and similar, can the rock be used to construct them?