F.J. Martin Roberts ‘Evening (Mt Coot-tha from Dutton Park)’ 1898

A Deed of Grant in Trust protecting Mt Coot-tha was enacted in 1880 after community pressure, the reserve to be managed as …

‘a public park for the recreation, convenience, health and amusement of the inhabitants of the City of Brisbane ….. and for no other purpose whatsoever’.

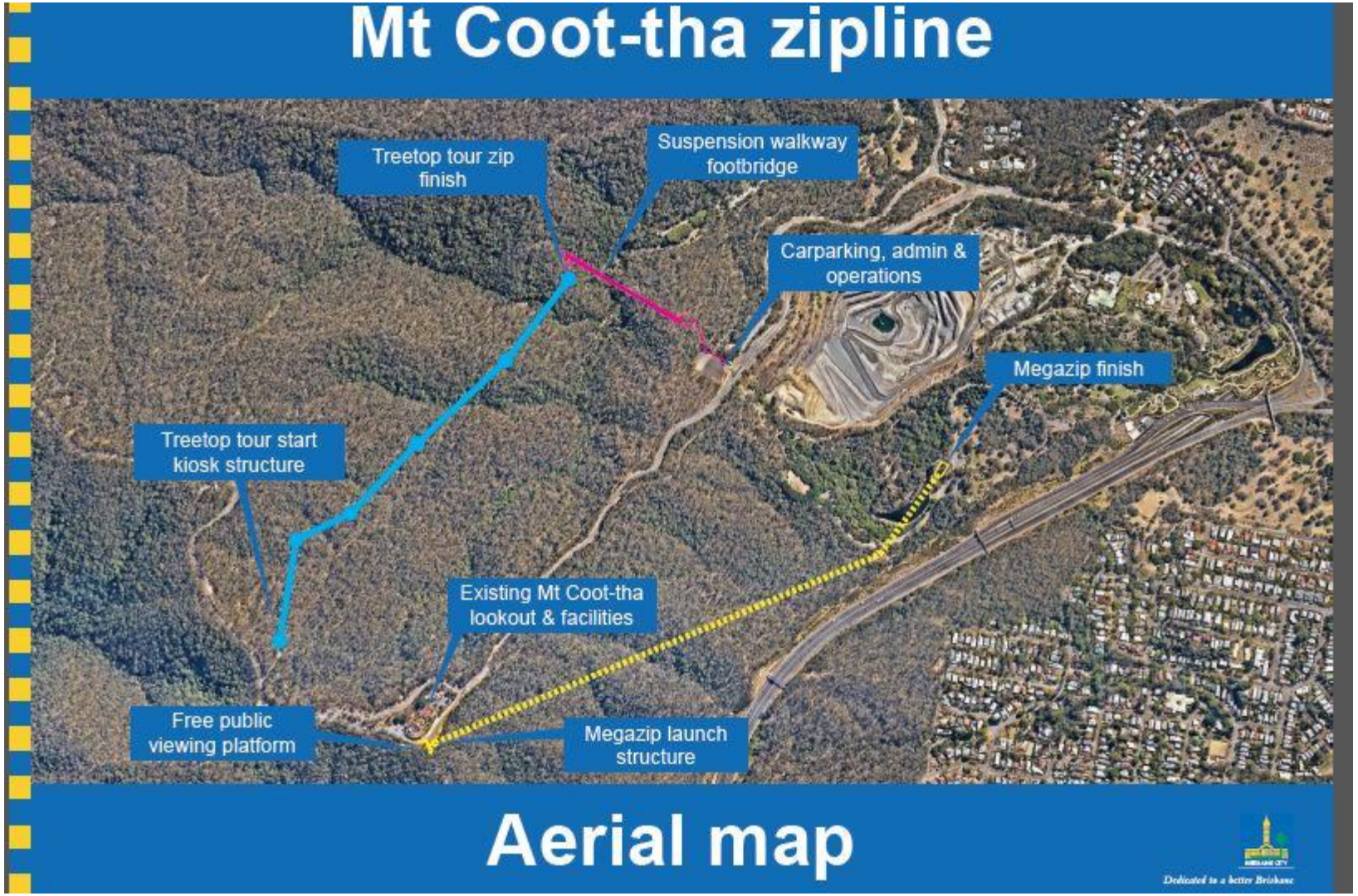
Community pressure over the years since has stopped major developments proposed by BCC.

Today the need to keep Mt Coot-tha as a public park is even more pressing. The population of Brisbane today is more than 20 times what it was in 1880.

MT COOT-THA IS …..

- Trust Lands for a public park for the people of Brisbane.
- An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site, of the Thurrbul People.
- On the Qld State Heritage Register and a BCC Heritage Area.
- Remnant Vegetation (Qld Vegetation Management Act).
- Essential Wildlife Habitat (VMA) due to Threatened Species.
- A Regional Biodiversity Corridor.
- A BCC High Ecological Significance Area.
- SEQ Regionally Significant Scenic Amenity
- Predominantly (area of proposal) of ‘Very High Fire Danger’.
- A place of local and citywide waterway corridors.

WHAT'S PROPOSED



Mt Coot-tha zipline

Treetops suspension bridge

Dedicated to a Better Brisbane

Mt Coot-tha zipline

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Megazip tour landing deck

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This development is not intended for Brisbane people.

It's intended for overseas tourists, who will be asked to pay at least $100 for a couple of minutes experience.

It's proposed to run until 9 pm at night!

We welcome tourists to the Mountain and Gardens for free, to visit on foot these inspiring natural places for an ecotourism experience.

A zipline complex with a suspension bridge is NOT an ecotourism experience.

IMPACTS IF THE PROPOSAL GOES AHEAD – 1

- **Clearing of vegetation: extensive old growth remnant vegetation to go.**
- **Siltation of waterways: from clearing and maintenance for fire reduction**
- **Fauna and Flora: from clearing; then noise, lights and people / vehicular traffic.**
- **Visual amenity: large structures intruding on forested landscape.**
- **Noise amenity: high pitch zipline noise & screaming.**

IMPACTS IF THE PROPOSAL GOES AHEAD – 2

- **Traffic congestion: additional danger to walkers & cyclists.**
- **Aboriginal Heritage: heritage sites and dreaming places not identified**
- **European Heritage: Summit lookout & kiosk, Summit track, picnic areas**
- **Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens: Traffic, noise, visual and noise amenities**

- **Numerous fauna species in the area need tree hollows for nesting, found in old-growth forest.**

- **The proposed development is intended to run to late at night. It will be floodlit and noisy. Ziplines are noisy. Screaming people are noisy.**

- **The proposed development would impact nocturnal animals.**

- **Animals will leave this area of excellent habitat.**

Powerful owl

Conservation status: ‘Vulnerable’ in Qld and ‘near threatened’ nationally.

Barking owl

Conservation status: Vulnerable in NSW and ‘near threatened’ nationally.

Greater glider

Conservation status: ‘vulnerable’ in Qld and nationally.

Feathertail glider.

Conservation status Qld: ‘least concern’.

Sugar glider

Conservation status Qld: ‘least concern’

Brush-tailed phascogale

Conservation status: ‘least concern’ in Qld, ‘vulnerable’ in NSW

Koala

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Richmond birdwing butterfly

Conservation status: vulnerable in Qld

Native jute (Corchorus cunninghamii)

Conservation status: endangered

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS-1

Under the Land Act (1994) BCC must seek approval from the Minister for Natural Resources for an 'additional purpose' to the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) over Mt Coot-tha.

In seeking approval for this 'additional purpose' BCC has to demonstrate that the proposal for a secondary use of trust lands has 'community support'.

If this approval were to be granted then BCC could issue a secondary lease over (part of) the trust lands, for the proponent to own and operate a zipline complex. This does not involve a change to the DOGIT.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS-2

If and when a Development Application is submitted, it will need to meet numerous criteria under the:

Vegetation Management Act: various regulations;
Environmental Protection Act: various regulations.

WHERE ARE WE AT?

As the trustee BCC needs to demonstrate that there is clear community support for the proposal. They have not done this.

BCC needs to submit a Development Application to the Qld Govt. This has not been submitted.

While preparing to respond to any Development Application we are petitioning the Minister to:

- **note that the community does not support any part of the proposed zip line complex at Mt Coot-tha;**
- **not approve any application for an additional purpose to allow any part of the proposed zip line complex to proceed;**
- **not approve any lease for the purpose of any part of the proposed zip line complex;**
- **state clearly on the record that the use of the Mt Coot-tha for any part of the proposed zip line complex is not consistent with its purpose as a site for 'a public park …. and for no other purpose whatsoever'.**

IF YOU THINK THIS HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE MEANS ANYTHING TO QLD GOVT OR BCC WITHOUT COMMUNITY PRESSURE THEN LOOK AT THIS ….

The bridge over Simpson’s falls on E Ithaca Creek on Mt Coot-tha

There was no reason for it to be built there.

Not for safety, not for access, not for the view of the city (there is a better view of the city from where this photo was taken)

This bridge It has ruined the visual amenity and geo-heritage value of Simpson's Falls, the largest naturally exposed granite outcrop in the Brisbane area!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THESE SITES:

www.facebook.com/Mountain-Monitor-Mt-Coot-tha

www.mountcoot-thazipline.org

(we are adding rapidly to the content of these sites).

Sign the e-petition on the Qld Govt website:
'Petition to protect Mt Coot-tha Trust Lands from development'
(will be posted in the week beginning 24/6/18).

Sign the petition on change.org (save mt coot-tha from privatisation)