

# Update for Collingwood Park residents

## *Friday 16 May 2008*

Regular surveys and monitoring of the area is continuing. While the subsidence has slowed significantly and is in a limited area, close monitoring will continue.

The department is also compiling historical geotechnical reports for Collingwood Park to form part of a comprehensive geotechnical investigation and study of the subsidence.

A task force is being established to make further recommendations to Cabinet in the next few months on any other support or assistance required for the community.

The freecall service **1800 109 122** will continue to provide information to residents and counselling services will continue.

### Telephone contacts

#### Department of Mines and Energy

1800 109 122  
[www.dme.qld.gov.au](http://www.dme.qld.gov.au)

#### Ipswich City Council

3810 6666  
[www.ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au)

#### Ipswich Water

3810 7855  
3810 6666 (after hours)

#### Department of Communities counselling service

3280 1777

#### Lifeline Ipswich

3281 8688

#### Lifeline 24-hour service

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Structural engineers have completed building inspections on 37 properties in and near the subsidence investigation area. All 26 properties within the subsidence zone have now had building inspections. Initial structural reports are expected shortly. These reports will help make decisions on the future of these properties.

Sixty properties in the wider subsidence area have had preliminary examinations by the Department of Mines and Energy. Examinations of a further 25 properties are pending.

The enclosed map shows the subsidence area in order of priority for site visits. Priority for inspections is focused on properties that are located within the main investigation zone, then spanning outwards from there.

While this process is difficult for residents anxious for an outcome, it will take time to finalise the necessary inspections and reports. It must be a thorough process, but we would like to move as quickly as possible to minimise any uncertainty to residents.

If you believe that subsidence damage is occurring in your home, please take photos of the damage as soon as possible, and keep taking photographs as it changes. This information will be vital in helping with assessments.

The government has made a commitment to repair or buy properties in Collingwood Park damaged by the subsidence, now or at any stage in the future. This commitment is for the lifetime of the property, even if it changes hands. A \$10 million assistance package backs this up.

Department of Mines and Energy (freecall)

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# COLLINGWOOD PARK SITE VISIT PRIORITY AREAS

REDBANK  
COLLIERY

DRYSDALE  
AVENUE

WESTFALEN NO.3  
COLLIERY

COLLINGWOOD  
DRIVE

DUNCAN  
STREET

LAWRIE DRIVE

## Legend

- 1st priority – main subsidence area
- 2nd priority – the wider investigation area
- 3rd priority – greater Collingwood Park
- Underground workings
- Mining influence boundary  
(from Ipswich City Council maps)
- Collingwood Park suburb boundary



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