

Reminder for Collingwood Park residents

October 2009

Collingwood Park residents are reminded that the Queensland Government is about to begin a fieldwork study into the possibility of backfilling and stabilising underground mines beneath Collingwood Park.

The work will commence on 19 October 2009.

What's happening?

- The Queensland Government has engaged the CSIRO to find out whether mine backfilling is a possible solution to stabilise mines in Collingwood Park.
- The CSIRO study includes fieldwork in the suburb and developing detailed stabilisation and backfill designs which could potentially be applied to the mines.
- Fieldwork activities include surface surveys, drilling, and seismic or underground imaging using low-impact equipment to minimise disruption to the community.

Underground imaging

- Seismic or underground imaging will start from 19 October 2009 for up to two weeks and will be done from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 3pm Saturday.
- Underground imaging technology will help give a 'picture' of the mine workings to build a 3D model, and confirm the accuracy of the mine plan and heights.
- Please be assured that the proposed seismic imaging will not affect underground mine stability.
- QME officers are meeting with and giving detailed briefings about the work to residents within the seismic survey area.
- The 3D imaging is stage 1 of further research, with more fieldwork likely to be conducted over the next 3 to 6 months.



More detailed information about the fieldwork program is available for residents to view at the QME site office at 8 McLaughlin Street.

How will it affect me?

- Most residents will not be directly affected.
- Some study activities will need to occur in residents' yards and these residents will be contacted directly by QME officers to give detailed information.
- You may see trucks and light machinery operating in your area and project team members on site.
- To minimise potential inconvenience to residents, QME will endeavour to provide as much advance notice and information regarding the fieldwork as possible.

Traffic changes

- From 19 October to 30 October lanes of Collingwood Drive, Herman Avenue and Duncan, McLaughlin and Moloney streets may be closed and traffic slowed at various stages of the work. QME will liaise with Ipswich City Council to reduce impacts on traffic flow in the relevant areas.

Thank you

We appreciate your patience and support.

Contact us

Please do not hesitate to visit the Queensland Mines and Energy staff at the site office, 8 McLaughlin Street, Collingwood Park if you have any further queries.

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