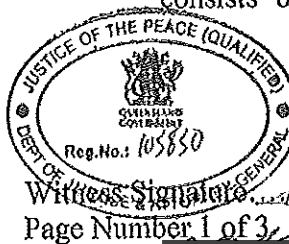


Name of Witness	Dirk KARREMAN
Date of Birth	10/2/50
Address and contact details	[REDACTED] Road Redland Bay 4165 Ph. [REDACTED] Email - [REDACTED]
Occupation	Managing Director Karreman Quarries
Officer taking statement	Detective Senior Sergeant Mark Reid
Date taken	4 May 2011

Dirk KARREMAN states:

- I am a married man, [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED] Road Redland Bay 4165. I am the Managing Director of Karreman Quarries which is involved in the quarrying of stone in the Harlin area of the Brisbane River.
- During the flood event in January 2011 the Brisbane River experienced severe flooding resulting in damage to the banks of the river and the loss of some ground at properties in the area.
- As a result of a number of allegations raised at the Flood Commission of Inquiry by the Harlin Landholders Erosion Group in relation to the operations of Karreman Quarries at Sinnamons Lane Harlin (Lot 5 RP 134429, part of Lot 17 on RP 146684 and part of Lot 3 CSH23410) and 479 Gregors Creek Road, Gregors Creek (Lot 2 on RP 806767) I prepared a submission to address these issues.
- The submission addressed the use of my personal helicopter to perform rescues and conduct food drops in the Esk area. It further addresses the allegations which relate to the damage and the loss of ground to surrounding properties as a result of quarrying of material from the Brisbane River by our company. The submission consists of four pages which include 2 pages of supporting documentation



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regarding *Extractive Industry* approvals issued by the former Esk Shire Council and the Somerset Regional Council. This document is dated 29 April 2011.

*I am now able to produce a copy of the submission dated 27 April 2011 consisting of 2 pages, with 2 pages of supporting documentation.*

**TENDERED AND MARKED EXHIBIT NO.....**



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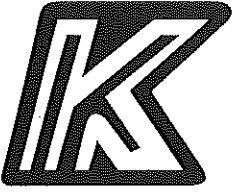
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27 April 2011

## QUESTIONS FROM MR STEVE BIGNALL

Answers to the questions put in your email of April, 23, 2011 9.53am

### Question 1

**The use of your personal helicopter to perform rescues during the January 2011 flood event**

A request for help came to me from former police sergeant, Natasha Fewson, who was concerned about a friend of hers who resided on Wivenhoe Pocket Road. She, like the rest of the community, was out of food and the emergency services resources were stretched and they were having to prioritise and therefore could not service this area. She asked if I knew anyone who had a helicopter as there needed to be an evacuation of a 90 year old man as it was vital he be returned to the nursing home for his medical needs. It was also suggested that essentials be transported at the same time.

This started 4 days of food and medical drops. The first 3 loads were to Wivenhoe Pocket Road. Natasha then received a request for food parcels to be delivered from Esk hospital helipad to isolated houses and communities that were cut off by the waters. This then occurred over the next 3 days.

### Question 2

**a) Your involvement with the quarries.**

I am the Managing Director and a shareholder of Karreman Quarries.

**b) Your knowledge of and dealing with the Harlin Landholders Erosion Group**

I had little knowledge of and no dealings with the Harlin Landholders Erosion Group prior to the meeting on 21 January, 2011

**c) Your knowledge of and involvement with a meeting held with Shayne Neumann, Federal Member for Blair on the 21 January 2011**

I had become aware of the Harlin Landholders Erosion Group shortly before the meeting with Shayne Neumann through my son, Michael, who runs the Harlin Operations. I instructed him to attend the meeting. Michael rang me after the meeting and expressed his concern that some of the people in attendance, most specifically Mr Barry Dunning and Mr Neil O'Connor, were looking for someone to blame for their loss of riverbank. I rang the Federal Minister for Blair, Mr Shayne Neumann after this meeting and he stated that Michael



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was firm but polite in his response and he handled himself very well in a hostile environment. As far as Mr Neumann was concerned, this was a State issue and not a Federal one.

**d) Any knowledge of what has happened since the January 21 meeting**

I have no knowledge of what has happened since the January 21 meeting.

**e) Whether Karreman Quarries has the appropriate DERM permits for its mining activities within the river system**

Karreman Quarries is in possession of all the relevant DERM approvals for our current operations in the Brisbane Valley.

Whilst I was doing the food and medical drops to the many people cut off by the swollen river system it became evident the devastation extended all the way up to Mount Stanley. Mr Sim Lord (ex councillor) stated that he has never seen this kind of destruction of trees, the entire length of the Brisbane River up to Mount Stanley some 100kms north of Harlin. I have no doubt that he can verify his statement that 100 to 200 year old trees have all been uprooted.

For the Harlin Landholders Erosion Group to place the blame of this destruction on our extraction at Harlin is somewhat fanciful. This is especially so when the destruction and bank erosion has taken place along the entire length of the Brisbane River north of Wivenhoe to Mount Stanley which is in excess of 100kms long, with the entire catchment being, I believe, in excess of 15000 square kilometres.

With the greatest of respect and empathy for their loss of parts of their flood plain and trees, I am downstream of these landholders and I cannot be held accountable for what happened some 80 to 100kms upstream of them.

I do have a specific resolution to their problems.

All they have to do, as I have done, is reshape the batters to no more than 5 to 10 in 1 (where possible), re-topsoil, re-grass and make sure there are no trees. Wherever we have done this, there has been no erosion in this flood. We (Karreman Quarries) are prepared to help reshape these areas (with conditions) for these neighbours.

In my opinion, it is the large and small trees that create the washing action and the system of alluvial soil and tree roots with the washing action that has caused this issue, of course the sheer volume of water that flowed into the catchment which was as a result of unprecedented rain in a short period of time with such devastation must be considered also.

I thank you for the opportunity to respond.



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Our Ref: Michael Connor:0803931

29 April 2011

Mr Dick Karreman  
Karreman Quarries Pty Ltd  
BY EMAIL

Dear Dick

**Brisbane River**

Thank you for asking us to provide written advice about the various development approvals that Karreman Quarries Pty Ltd holds, allowing extraction of material adjacent to the Brisbane River and their current status.

**Sinnamons Lane, Harlin**

A development approval was issued by the former Esk Shire Council on 24 July 1995, in relation to Lot 5 on RP 134429, part of Lot 17 on RP 146684 and part of Lot 3 on CSH2341.

The area of land, the subject of the approval, is approximately 82 hectares.

The use approved was for "*Extractive Industry*". The approval was altered by order of the Planning & Environment Court on 14 February 2006<sup>1</sup>.

The site also has an Integrated Authority No. SR2624 under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* for ERA 20(b) "*Extracting rock or other material*" and ERA22(b) "*Screening, etc. materials*".

<sup>1</sup> *Karreman Quarries Pty Ltd v Esk Shire Council* (2006) QPEC 015



Extractive industry operations are currently being undertaken on the site and have been ongoing for at least 10 years.

The operations are lawful.

**476 Gregors Creek Road, Gregory Creek**

A development approval was issued by the Somerset Regional Council on 14 January 2010 for a development permit for a material change of use for an "Extractive Industry" and a material change of use for an Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA16) Extractive and screening activities Threshold 2(b).

The land on which the proposed quarrying operations will be undertaken is Lot 2 on RP 806767.

There was a determination by the Planning & Environment Court on 12 December 2007<sup>2</sup> that all excavation was outside the bed and banks of the Brisbane River.

As yet, no excavation has been undertaken relying on the Council's approval as the conditions of the approval have not as yet been fulfilled. Previous excavations have been undertaken at or near the site by others or Karreman Quarries under earlier authorities.

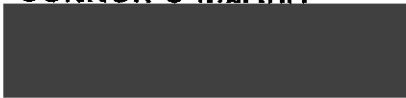
**Cox's Property**

The Integrated Authority, No. SR2624, referred to above also extends to land within the Brisbane River adjacent to Lot 142 on CG 4402. No quarrying activities are being undertaken on the land by Karreman Quarries.

**Conclusion**

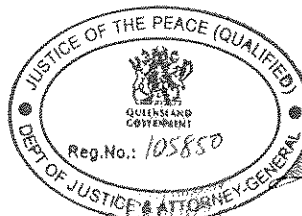
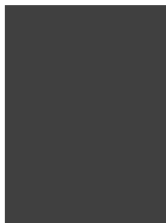
All extractive operations undertaken by Karreman Quarries on the Brisbane River are lawful.

Yours faithfully  
**CONNOR O'MEARA**



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<sup>2</sup> *Karreman Quarries Pty Ltd v Chief Executive under the Water Act 2000 (2007)* OPEC 111



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