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Mr David Reeve  
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Dear Mr Reeve

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2014 requesting an update on the possible opening of new sections of Kangaroo Point Cliffs for rock climbing.

On 11 September 2014, Council officers conducted a visual inspection of the Kangaroo Point Cliff face between the Naval Stores building and the current northerly limit of the climbing activity. From that inspection, it was determined that the northern section of Kangaroo Point Cliffs is not suitable for climbing in its current condition and will remain closed pending a more detailed investigation.

The geotechnical report from February 2010 that you have referred to in your email is not considered to be deficient, however it was prepared almost 5 years ago. As you are aware, the recommended stabilisation work for climbing was not subsequently carried out. Council's geotechnical officers have advised that this report is now too old to be used as a basis for current decision making. The cliff face must be reinspected so that current risks can be identified, investigated and management options can be developed.

In previous correspondence to you on this matter, dated 14 June 2014, the Lord Mayor indicated that Council will be undertaking a detailed geo technical investigation of the cliff face this financial year. The precise timing of the investigation will be subject to the availability of suitable contractors and equipment and of course subject to prevailing weather. The investigation is currently scheduled for February 2015. I note that Council will take this opportunity to also inspect the condition of the existing climbing area.

Once the investigation is complete, Council will consider the risks and the likely cost of work to open and manage northern sections of the cliffs for the climbing community. Should Council decide to proceed with work, funding would need to be allocated via Council's normal budget process. Council budgets are normally delivered annually, with the next one due in June 2015. Any defects identified in the southern section of the cliff face will be managed on a priority basis depending on available funds and resources.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Steve Lintern, Senior Program Officer, Parks Management on 3403 8888.

Yours sincerely



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