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Please consider the following information in relation to the McCrae landslide.

The information herein is relatively restricted and contained as we only received the Board of Inquiry flyer/notice in our letterbox on Monday, 28 April.

We have been permanent residents of McCrae for over 10 years. Firstly, on the hill above McCrae in Flinders Street, then on the flat at Catherine Street, not far from the recent landslides and the landslide in late 2022.

We have had concerns since moving into our Flinders Street home in 2016. Those concerns centred mainly on the amount of water (above and below ground) that was flowing down our property and down the hill on occasions.

Another major concern, particularly over the last 5 years, has been the extent of soil excavations along Pt Nepean Road near where the latest landslide occurred, and above Pt Nepean Road. For example, along The Eyrie where a large new house build has been on-going with significant underground and above ground works, excavations, and lots of concrete.

We assumed all works had been approved by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, particularly given the nature and size of the works.

On the many occasions we walked along Pt Nepean Road in McCrae and The Eyrie in McCrae over the last 5 years, we noted significant earthworks and excavations near the cliffs and thought these works could significantly impact the stability and integrity of the cliffs. Coincidentally, we thought of the potential for accelerated erosion, perhaps landslides, and even a cliff collapse. These impacts could be possible outcomes from alterations to natural drainage patterns, excavating and hence weakening around the cliff structure, and potentially disrupting underlying geological features. Obviously, we have no expertise in these areas, but it did make some sense.

We very much look forward to the Board of Inquiry progress and findings.

Regards, Duncan & Jane MacCallum.
—— Catherine Street McCrae)