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Senate Standing Committee - Environment  
RE: Submission to The Senate Enquiry  
into operation of EPBC Act  
P.O. Box 6100 - Parliament  
Canberra A.C.T. 2600



Dear Sir / Madam,

I apologise for this late input into the Enquiry re EPBC Act 1999 -

Thank you for accepting this letter and hope it could be included with other submissions.

I am deeply concerned re the Proposed Traveston Dam proposal on the Mary River in S.E. Qld.

re Assessments / Approvals: It seems stricter guidelines are needed on what needs to be assessed during approvals processes to ensure fuller assessment of potential impacts eg. in the Traveston Dam proposal (T.C.D.) - downstream potential impacts are not considered adequately, in relation to reduced river flows (that

2) already exist / before any dam  
is even built ..)

### COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT :

I feel strongly that strengthening penalty provisions & forcing states to improve their own poor legislation to meet EPCB requirements - is long overdue.

In Qld at present poorly funded & staffed, community groups - are pursuing legal action re Paradise Dam failures - [surely (Qld) State Govt should not be able to operate the above facility, outside EPCB guidelines ??]

I also feel more Federal action re compliance & enforcement, is long overdue - & increased funding in this area is certainly required, for more officers to monitor activities in a variety of areas - including waste management & water ..

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on EPCB Act 1999 Senate Enquiry (2008). Sincerely,  
Julie Willington