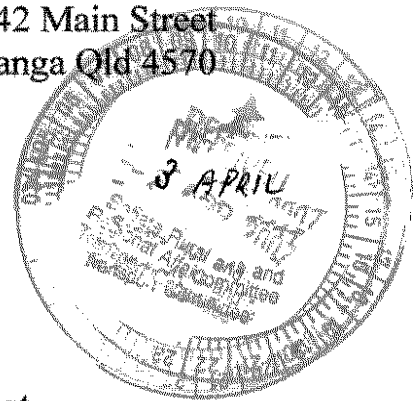


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The Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Inquiry into additional Water Supplies for South East Queensland – Traveston Crossing Dam Information.

Myself and my wife Connie have lived in the small country township of Kandanga all our lives and have raised 9 children in this country community. We are now in our 70's and fully intended being laid to rest along side our daughter in the Kandanga Cemetery. So as you can see this proposal deeply affects us. Our daughter loses her home and acreage and is in serious trouble of losing their small maintenance plumbing business. Connie's widowed sister aged 83 years and brother aged 90 years also lose their properties.

We were one of the lucky 18 identified late as being required for this dam. We had made numerous enquiries at the Natural Resources and had been told that it would in no way affect us. When notified by mail we were shocked to receive a photocopy map of lease back with hand written on it "Stage 1", we were shocked as nowhere in the package were we in the "Stage 1" water level.

When approached, the Government (at the Anna Bligh meeting in Gympie) said we were losing our home for Community Infrastructure in "Stage 1" in less than 3 years. The photocopy map was not clear (we are enclosing a copy of the actual map). At the very least it is incompetent and poor handling of a damaging event in our lives. Phone calls to Queensland Water Infrastructure were put on a 36 hour waiting list. My wife Connie waited, in the home for 3 days and is still waiting for a call back after 6 months.

The second incident happened when after a Government Valuation, in which we were unhappy with the offer; we asked to talk to someone about our valuation. The Government sent out negotiators to our home.

In this meeting we were told that our next step should be a private valuation. We had both made it clear to these two gentlemen that we needed a better price on paper as we intended to leave it in the drawer and after we die our children had something to guide them.

We were told in this meeting that we should get a private valuation that the government would pay for. It was our understanding that you had to be moving towards sale in a short timeframe for the government to pay for this. The negotiators said that this was a misconception in the community. As a valuation is about \$2000.00 this would have put us in a situation that we would have no choice but to sell. We are on the Seniors Pension and a bill that we are responsible for through misinformation would devastate us financially. We told our daughter about getting a private valuation and that the government would pay for it. She then rang Rob Herd (QWI) and was told that you had to be moving towards sale. The negotiators were totally wrong and the only people misleading the community are themselves.

In this stage of our lives to be dealing with this is unthinkable and has led to health problems, the strain of this is incredible. I hope that the government's dealing with this comes to light as incompetent.

Yours Truly
Kevin and Connie Millers

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