

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

Sear Sir/Madam,

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

The purpose of this letter is to provide information for the Senate Inquiry.

Here is yet another example of the things we've been put through. A meeting was held at Federal Hall by Main Roads for community input. No one knew about the meeting. The State Government says they sent out flyers which no one received until a week after the meeting. Main Roads and Dam representatives held another meeting at Federal State School today. Main Roads did not show up- due to personal reasons we were told. The same blonde lady that conducted many of the information nights put on by the State Government last July stood at the front with her big chart and wrote down all our concerns and wishes about what we'd like to see done for the school since a large highway is to go in right beside it- six lanes plus feeder roads. One person asked about the flood levels to be told they were still being finalized. As property owners we've all received glossy maps showing where the water is to go to and how much of our property will be needed. (This allowed Ms Bligh to stand up in Parliament and say that there were much less homes affected.) What she neglected to say was they've chopped off our property (which is the reason most of us live here) but we can keep our homes. We've told these people many times that their maps are incorrect but they don't want to listen to us. On our land the water magically stops at the road – according to the map. We know for a fact that the water goes over that road – I should know- I was on top of our truck 5 ½ months pregnant with brown snakes swimming around me during the flood in 1999. So in letters to property owners which are quite intimidating in the wording- we're told its one way and then someone today says they're still working on the flood levels. Another person raised the question about what would happen to the land that the Government has acquired already when this dam does not go ahead, because we've heard rumors of subdivisions. His response was – “that would be part of it. We would put forth proposals and there would be public input. We have agreements with the other shires but with Cooloola Shire we'd have to have discussions but we have ways of obtaining the agreements.” In other words we'll do what we want with it or make the shire agree if they don't like it. We're being treated like we're idiots. If they're not outright lying they're certainly trying to confuse us and bully us into doing what they want. There is a great deal of miscommunication on their part and it is causing a lot of people a lot of stress and anguish not knowing what to believe and what to do.

Thank you for your consideration;

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