

SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE RURAL & REGIONAL AFFAIRS
& TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Please accept this submission which is in opposition to the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

My objections are as follows.

The dam will:

- (a) inundate a huge area of class one agricultural land.**
- (b) reduce flows in the 200 kilometres below the dam resulting in increased salinity and reduced flows of fresh water in to the Great Sandy Strait. This in turn will affect the ecosystem of this important wildlife and fish breeding area.**
- (c) threaten the survival of two rare species – the lungfish and the Mary River turtle - because of the changes in the river flow brought about by the dam.**
- (d) cause a beautiful accessible tract of country to be inundated and replaced by – if present climate changes continue – a great expanse of shallow swamp. Scientific surveys have proven that should the dam be built at Traveston Crossing a large shallow dam would result.**

The Federal Government has a legal obligation to administer the EPBC Act and in this respect the Traveston Dam proposal is a Federal Government responsibility.

In addition to this legal responsibility the dam proposal falls clearly within the scope of at least four other major federal policies under which the Federal and Queensland governments have mutual obligations in the form of signed bilateral agreements.