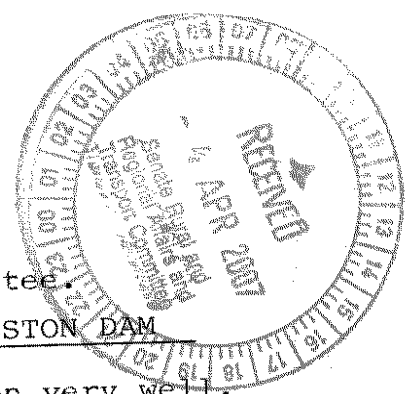


To The Senate Committees:

Re:- Rural Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.

WATER SUPPLIES FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND — TRAVESTON DAM



As I live in the area concerned I know the region very well. BRISBANE and many other large population centres in South-East Queensland have large rivers flowing through their centres, including Maroochydore, Noosa, Maryborough, Rockhampton to name a few

Surely this water that is exactly where it is required for the large population regions can be utilized.

If sewerage can be filtered, why can't this river water be (Reverse Osmosis) filtered or de-salinated?? Surely it is a better & safer base source than sewerage water. Yes, River water would have some chemicals, but not to the extent of sewerage, which would have the residues of all types of drugs included as well as the waste products of the human body. This ofcourse would include Social drugs of all types, medical drugs, vaccinations, infections & virus's such as hepatitis, aids etc, just to mention a few, also includes salt.

The bottled water business is very busy now when our base product of reservoir water is comparatively pure compared to sewerage water- (have you driven by a sewerage pond lately?)

Lake Borumba has plenty of scope to contain much more water & is in an ideal situation to be enlarged.

The Traveston Crossing Dam project would be a social, environmental and economical disasterous scheme.

Firstly, economically the \$1 Billion or more to re-align the Bruce Highway is a totally un-necessary expense.

The flooding of one of Qld's most productive farming areas is just unrealistic. It has been quoted that 80% of Qld's dairy production is from this area. (As dairy production has seriously reduced in other southern States, we can't afford this loss.) There are also many beef & stud properties in this region. Stud's ofcourse takes decades or generations to breed up. Where are they all to move to?

The Social impact on so many lives, perhaps 1000-homes, also schools townlets etc, where are they to go?? Many will be out of work.

Also it has been quoted that 250 homes will have to be demolished for the proposed pipelines to be installed. Incidentally, all these homes & farms will have to be paid for. What a huge un-necessary cost this will be, even before the dam is commenced.

Apart from all of this, the Mary Valley is such a wonderful scenic area for tourists, as this S.E. Qld region is very much a tourist area with tourists coming from Australia wide & from overseas. There is even a steam train trip through the Mary Valley, very much booked out by tourists, that will be effected. The Mary River system would virtually be destroyed & those living downstream along the river would also be affected.

To increase the wall at Lake Borumba, amongst the large hills, would not have any of these potential problems & apparently the surrounding land & hills are already Government owned.

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Ofcourse it needs to be remembered that rain is required for both of these Reservoir projects.

Whereas we are being told that the Oceans could rise in the coming years,so surely to use the filtered water from the Inland Brisbane River would be a huge advantage. And ofcourse the water source is exactly where it is required, in the Brisbane City region.

Thankyou

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