

Imbil Garage
Imbil- Island Road
Imbil QLD 4570



31 March 2007

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

We are the proprietors of Imbil Garage for the past 18 years and had intended to operate the garage until retirement age. The garage is located on Imbil-Island Road, adjacent to the Yabba Creek, in proximity to the Imbil Town Bridge. After the announcement of the proposed dam, attending many meeting and not having our questions answered; has proven to cause extreme stress, which has generated health problems. As we have in the past been inundated by floodwaters, and as we have seen no convincing evidence that the dam would not exacerbate a flood event, we think the likelihood of finding a buyer for our business has been severely compromised. We would also strenuously argue that our uncertain future, combined with escalating health problems, leave us stranded in limbo of the 'affected' category. We are an established business of 60 years, we require indemnity from the government pertaining to any environmental damage, loss, subsequent loss, and damages; as a direct or indirect result of the Traveston Dam, Borumba Dam and associated tributaries.

There is no merit to the proposal of the Traveston Crossing Dam in stages 1, 2 or 3 due to:

- a) Shallowness and surface area evaporation
- b) Base leaching
- c) Foundations
- d) Small capacity (without allowing for evaporation and leaching)
- f) Flood devastation to the township of Imbil
- g) Environmental devastation

We are writing to express our concerns in regard to mass flooding as a result of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. We have attended most meetings pertaining to the Traveston Dam, with no information given. We are one year after the announcement.

The engineering of the initial alterations of the Borumba Dam spillway was of major error, to say the least. The cavitations and turbulence of the design in the 1999 flood caused major changes to the waterways of Yabba Creek and the destruction of the Imbil Town Bridge. In the 18 years of business ownership in Imbil we have seen several floods. Until the initial spillway change of Borumba; we were never directly impacted.

Prior to this, flood mitigation was handled locally. The results of the 1999 flood was catastrophic; financially and emotionally. Mr Beatie Flew over in his helicopter – not meeting people who were affected. Mr Beatie promised low interest loans through the QRAA (Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority). This was a fiasco with no assistance given to so many. We have been working hard for the last 7 years, to only find 3 weeks after major capital expenditure, that we will be having a Dam at Traveston Crossing.

Land has already been purchased around Borumba Dam (Premier Wayne Goss) and is of greater capacity, less evaporation and leaching than Traveston.

We have been in contact with QWI (Queensland Water Infrastructure PTY LTD) to raise our concerns. We have received a letter hand delivered by Mr Heard and Mr Barry that does not address flooding; a copy is enclosed. In conversation with Mr Barry at our business premises on 28 February 2007. Mr Barry said “When you get rain it floods – ha ha” and that “Any flooding with the building of Traveston Dam will be of the result of Borumba – not Traveston.” Rather ironic, considering both parties are former Sunwater (re: Borumba) employees. Mr Barry also was proud to be a dam builder saying “I like building dams!” And that; “I was involved in the initial studies of Traveston in the 1970’s” (Quite boastfully!) We are appalled that the Queensland Government can set up company’s on a whim to suit itself (very smelly), which can close and have no accountability. (Example: QWI Pty Ltd).

Facts for consideration:

(Extracted from report of Initial Advice, Golder Assoc, Addendum date 7 Dec 2006)

- Current water level at Imbil Town Bridge 76.9m RSL (Relative Sea Level)
- Traveston Dam (Wall Of 90m RSL), we will have a static (stationary) water level of 79.5m RSL at the Imbil Town Bridge.
- 10.6m Flood (demonstrated in 9 February 1999 Flood) hitting the static level of 79.5m RSL, the total water height will exceed 90.1m RSL; that is 2.5m RSL above the 1999 flood level.
- This will place the Imbil Township under water!

Therefore, there is an urgent need for an Independent Hydrology and Analysis Study.

This submission has not included the imminent social, environmental and economic impacts that result from such a proposal, or the early onset impacts that have already taken place. We hope to have the opportunity to examine these in detail at a later date.

Yours Sincerely



Kim Martin
Imbil Garage

Enc: Copy of letter QWI



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Date: 26 February 2007

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Dear Mr and Mrs Martin

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the possible purchase of your property for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

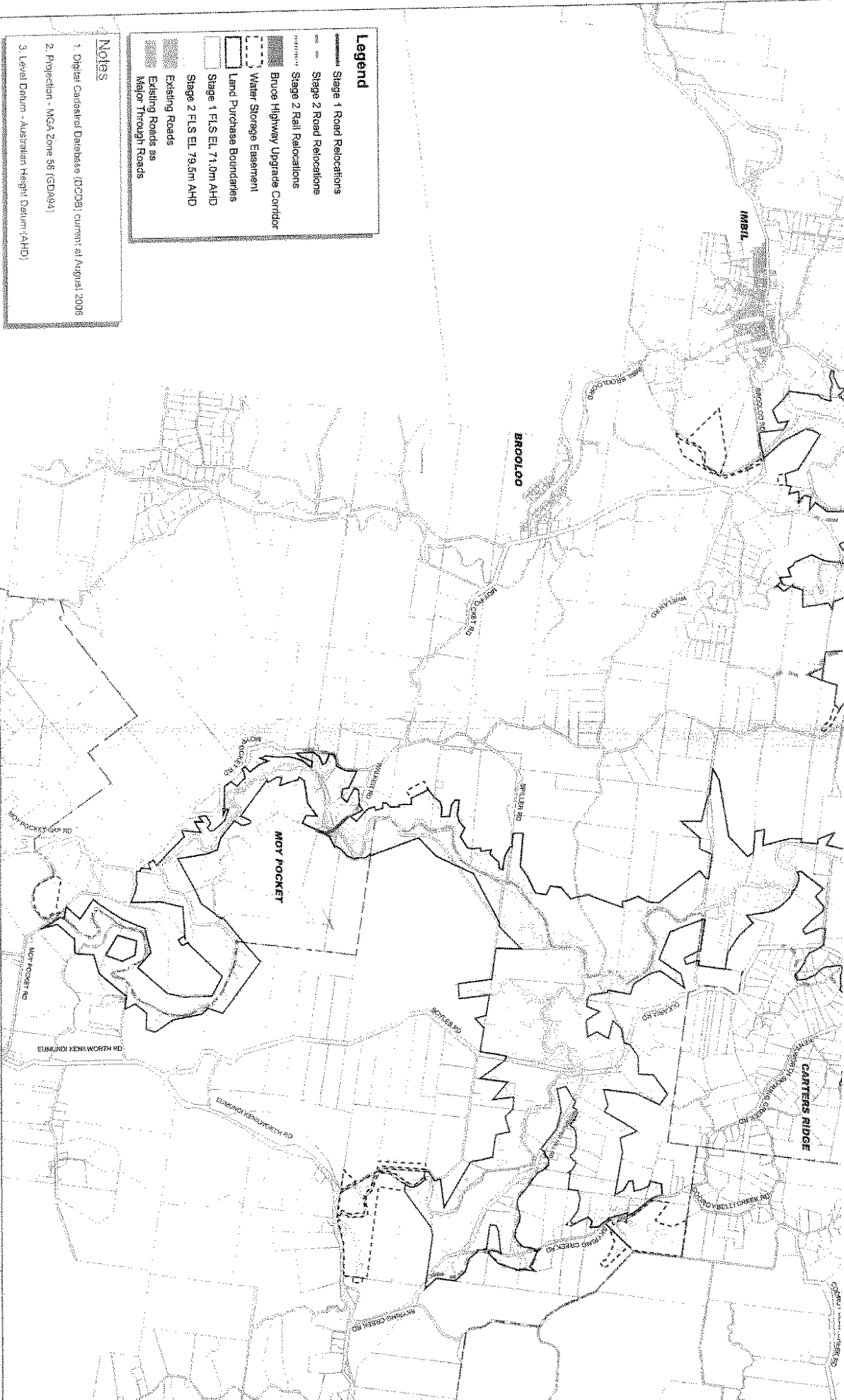
A significant amount of work has been undertaken to determine the final dam boundary and based on these investigations, I can confirm that your property is outside the dam's boundary reservoir and buffer areas. In addition, your land is not required for any of the road realignment works.

Attached for your reference is a map of the dam area, which shows the boundary of the land needed for the project and the proposed alignments for the roads that will be relocated for each stage of the proposed dam.

Please accept my assurance that QWI is committed to behaving with integrity and working with all people in a respectful manner.

Yours sincerely

Scott Smith
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QUEENSLAND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PTY LTD



Legend

- Stage 1 Road Relocations
- Stage 2 Road Relocations
- Stage 2 Rail Relocations
- Bruce Highway Upgrade Corridor
- Water Storage Easement
- Land Purchase Boundaries
- Stage 1 FLS EL 71.0m AHD
- Stage 2 FLS EL 79.5m AHD
- Existing Roads
- Existing Roads as Major Through Roads

Notes

1. Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB) current at August 2006
2. Projection - MGA Zone 56 (GDA94)
3. Level Datum - Australian Height Datum (AHD)



Scale - 1:25,000 (at A0)



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TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM
LAND PURCHASE PLAN

DRAWING NUMBER

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DATE: NOVEMBER 2006