

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

I submit the following information to the Committee for consideration during the Inquiry:-

I have anecdotal information from a former Professional Engineer now retired who was employed by the Department of Natural Resources (formerly the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission ?) and responsible for the investigation of potential water supply catchments for the Brisbane Region. I understand that the the best resource was from the Logan River catchment and the Wolfdene Dam. In his words “the Traverston Dam was never on the horizon” with better options than Traverston ranked below Wolfdene Dam.

The reports on the above mentioned investigations are of course not available to the public. Perhaps Freedom of Information requests could see them released. In detail these reports could now be out of date because of revised stream flow and rainfall data assumptions but in essence they would shed some light on rankings and yield from the various catchments in SE Queensland.

The refusal of the Queensland Government to release the technical data that led to the decision to build the Traverston Dam is to be condemned and the Committee is asked to obtain this data and release it to the public.

I fully support the investigations carried out by Professor Stuart White and his submission to the Inquiry. The question that he has posed, “Is this development actually necessary?”, must be thoroughly investigated and answered correctly.

I also understand that similar constraints have been imposed on information leading to the Government’s decision to build the Wyaralong Dam. Examination of this project must be included in the Committee’s deliberations.

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