

Learned Gentlemen of the Senate Inquiry Committee

I have earned two degrees in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and I did biological research at MIT, the University of London and Oxford University. I understand some of the damaging environmental and economic consequences of the Traveston Dam, and urge you to encourage the Queensland government to find another solution to its water supply problems.

In a country with so little fertile land, it seems to me very short-sighted to inundate some of this precious land with a dam that is very unlikely to provide significant amounts of water. There are many sources of water, but virtually no ways to make new farmland! One day Australia may have to feed itself from crops grown here.

Sincerely,  
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