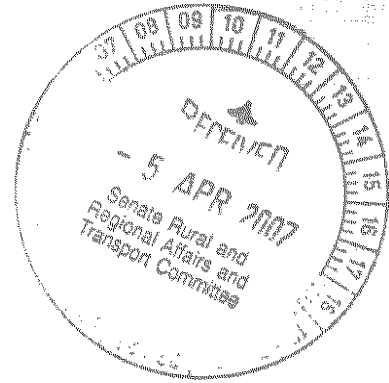


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2 April 2007-04-03

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 Qld –
Traveston Crossing Dam Information**

Purpose: The purpose of this letter is to provide information for the senate Inquiry

Construction of this dam would be an unnecessary and expensive exercise and would be very socially and environmentally damaging. The proposal already has had a psychological effect on people and families living in those areas. Many have lived there for many years and some have been there for more than one generation. For some, especially the elderly, it is detrimental to their health.

The dam would be very costly apart from the expense of building the dam, because houses, farms, roads, infrastructure and people would have to be moved and this would add to the cost of the dam quite dramatically. The effect on the environment in that area would be devastating. As in the case of all dams, the flow of water downstream would be much less and this would destroy more plants and animal lives. Putting a dam in that area would also destroy the very rare lungfish, as well as other endangered species. The Qld. Lungfish is the only one of its kind in the World and its only viable habitat is in the Mary River. It would not breed in a dam and would be lost to the World forever. It is also a sacred fish of our Indigenous Australians, the Gubbi Gubbi people. Rather than destroying it, it should be listed as critically endangered. The Lungfish has outlived the Dinosaurs and should be valued rather than destroyed.

The area proposed for the dam does not appear to be even a suitable area as it is too shallow. It would be a waste of taxpayers' money to construct this dam; it would be environmentally destructive and it would be socially destructive and morally wrong. Most of the 19 large dams already constructed in S.E. Qld. are at present less than 30% capacity, so it does not seem reasonable to construct more dams there when we cannot fill the ones we have and any new dams would have to rely on rain falling in the catchment areas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zillah Jackson".

Zillah Jackson (Mrs)